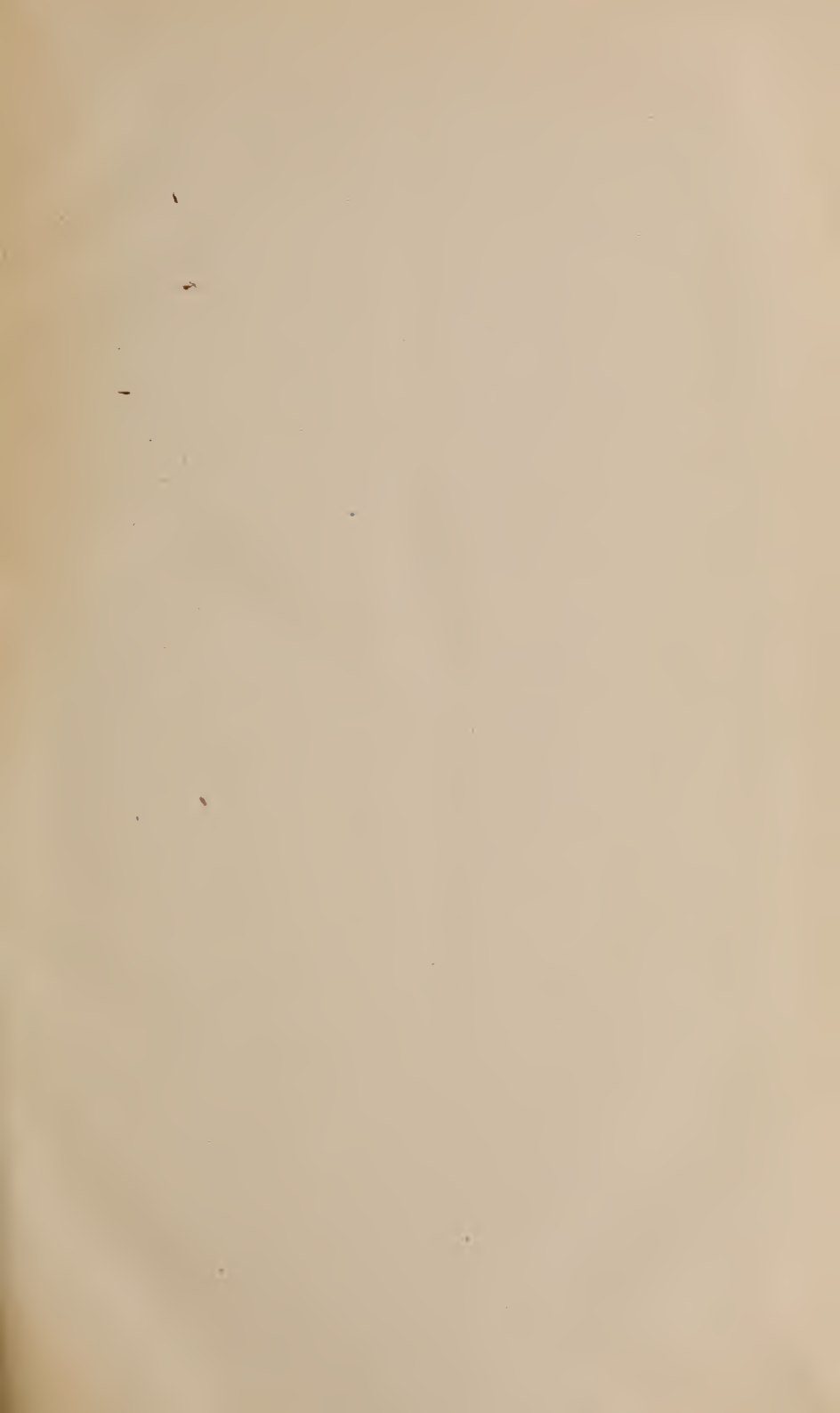
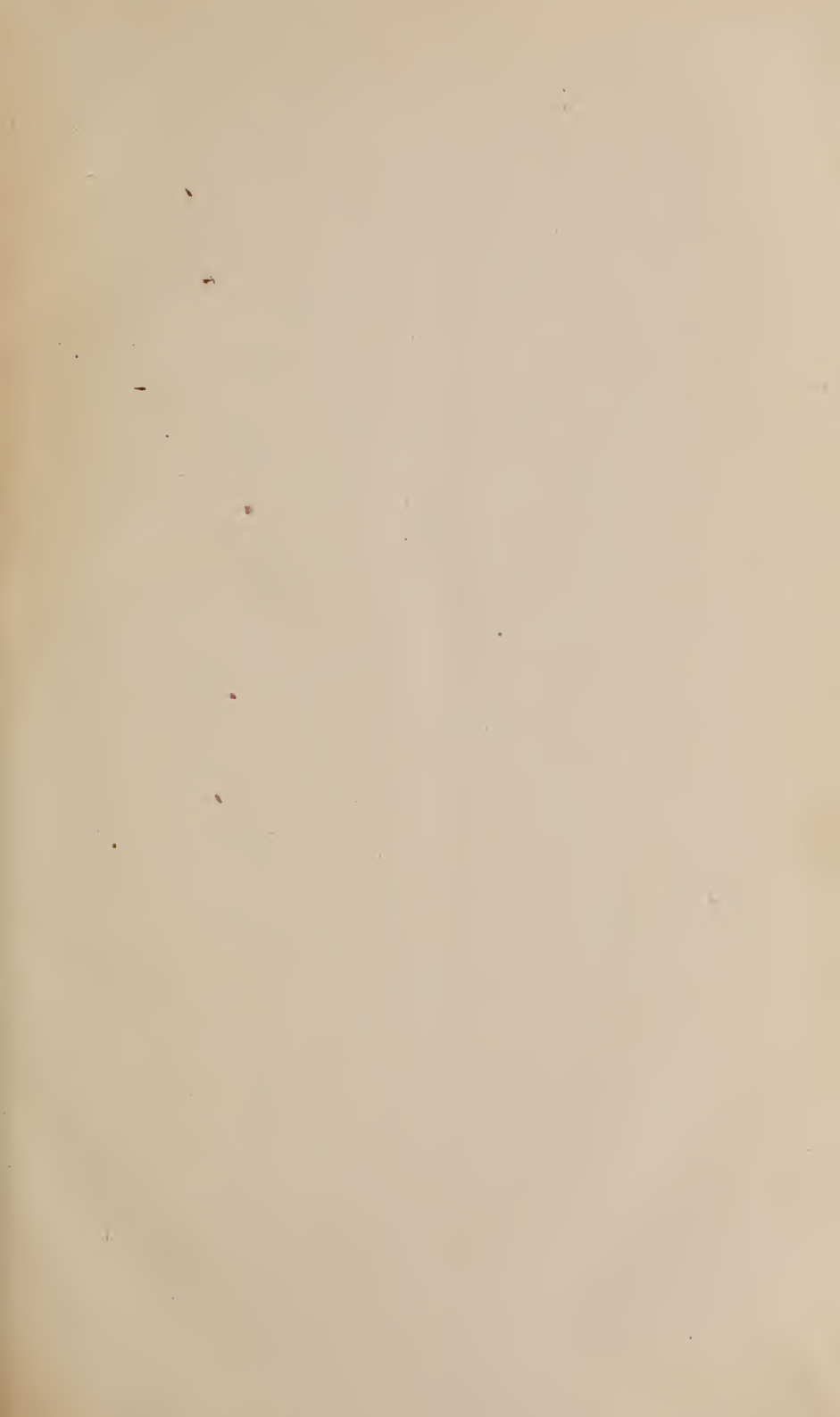


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DAY FOR COLLECTIONS.

The General Assembly has recommended that special Collections or Contributions for its Schemes be made on the first Lord's Day of the following months:

<i>January,</i>for.....	<i>Foreign Missions.</i>
<i>March,</i>“.....	<i>Sustentation.</i>
<i>May,</i>“.....	<i>Publication.</i>
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<i>September,</i>“.....	<i>Relief Fund for Disabled Ministers</i>
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<i>November,</i>“.....	<i>Home Missions.</i>
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No. 1.

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

We congratulate the readers of the *Record* on the opening of a New Year! May it prove to all a truly happy one. To the Board of Home Missions the past year has been one of prosperity on the whole. Some 100 new missionaries have been commissioned, and many sent to new and very interesting fields on the frontier. The boundaries of the church has been thereby extended, and its influence increased. In this way, bye and bye, the land and the world will be filled with the glad tidings of salvation.

At a late meeting, the Board was rejoiced by a munificent gift of a *Hundred Thousand Dollars*, to constitute a *Permanent Fund*, the interest of which only is to be expended in the great work of Home Missions. Thus a fountain is opened, the stream from which will make glad the City of God through all coming time. May the blessing of the Head of the Church rest upon the generous donor.

It will be a matter of sorrow for the church to know that Dr. Kendall, soon after his return from his visit to New Mexico, was taken seriously ill, and still remains in a very feeble state. It is hoped that God will graciously spare his very important and useful life.

Mrs. McCully of Kansas, and Mrs. Post of Indiana, wives of missionaries, have been called from their labors to everlasting rest. The church should mark upon her tablets the names of such overworked laborers.

NEW WORK.

During the last year, in accordance with the action of the last Assembly, the Board has begun schools at many mission stations in New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Washington Territory, and Alaska—the most distant and, in some respects, the most hopeful. The support of all these, is most earnestly commended to the Christian women and Sabbath-schools of our church. Here is a field where women and children can work for women and children! May God raise hearts and hands willing to work.

The financial state still gives concern to the Board. The general shrinkage of values, and continued dulness of business, render multitudes unable to give to benevolent causes as heretofore, and the present outlook does not excite high expectations. Under the bright prospects of last Spring, the Board greatly enlarged its work, and thus increased the demand for larger income from the churches.

The receipts of the Board, from all sources, during the last eight months of the fiscal year, amount to \$100,788.33, leaving \$173,263.89 to be raised during the remaining four months, to equal the income of the Board last year. That would require \$43,321.63 monthly, for three months. But the increased work of the Board requires \$20,000 additional. This will make \$48,321.63 per month for the necessities of the work. We trust this statement will be prayerfully and practically considered by the churches.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

Great hopes are entertained respecting the Week of Prayer. Our country, in the providence of God, is now one of the most important portions of the world and race. Its welfare and dangers—its relations to the evangelization of the world—the necessity of a revival of true religion throughout all its various populations, ought to be matter for profound supplication and prayer to the people of God. May it prove a season of general refreshing and joy.

LETTERS.

These letters give glimpses of life and work in the wide field which the Home Mission Board is cultivating. The seed is being sown with tears and hopes alternating. Sorrows are there that make strong men weep, and joys that come of new-born hopes in Christ. When we look at the sad spiritual state of society, and remember that *our own households have* builded these cities and towns, we can but cry for help unto him who subdueth all things unto himself, and say, "How long, O Lord?"

E——, W. T.

G—— R—— is one hundred and fifteen miles east. I have several times called on every family and business house, including saloon-keepers, and I do not think there is a professed Christian in the entire town. President Hayes nominated a very intelligent Christian gentleman as Judge of this district. At the opening of court at G—— R—— he telegraphed for me to come and open the court with prayer. The Superintendent of the Railroad came to me with a pass, and urged me to go, as the people there had made some threats. I took the midnight freight train and reached G—— R—— about eleven in the morning. Judge —— waited for me and took me up to the court-house, which was filled with the hardest looking people I ever saw. Some looked defiantly as I stepped into the Judge's seat.

I closed with asking God's blessing upon the Judge, prosecuting attorney, jurors, their town, households, families, companions, children, and youth of the town. During the long prayer there was hardly a

movement, and I noticed many moist eyes. One old man came to me and said, "That was the first prayer I have heard for many years. My father was a member of the Presbyterian church in —, Ohio, and I am so glad you came. It brought everything before my mind." Two weeks ago I called on a dying man. He said, "I heard you pray in the court-house. I came from Maine sixteen years ago. My parents were members of the church." I had not been home but two or three hours when I received a telegram that he was dead, and I was requested to come and attend the funeral the next day. So I was absent from home nearly all the week.

A Sabbath-school of a few scholars has been started in A—, a strong Mormon town, which, with the preaching I trust, will result in great good. At our last communion a very intelligent Mormon united with the church. Sometimes I feel quite hopeful in regard to reaching the Mormons, and then a new bishop comes and we feel discouraged. The converted one, who united with our church, comes to our weekly prayer-meetings, walking some five miles, after working all day in the blacksmith shop.

F. L. A.

When I first came upon this field, there had never been a sermon preached by a Presbyterian minister at any point I now occupy. In fact, there was but little preaching of any kind, and only one small Sabbath-school in the whole region. I was a stranger in the country, and having spent nearly all of our small capital in coming here, I was obliged to commence work on foot. But God uses wicked men sometimes to praise him, so he prompted such a one to offer me an Indian pony until I could pay for it. We christened it "Pilgrim," and have him yet. I began riding without a saddle, but this I could not do long. The people received me kindly, and kept us very well in provisions, but little money. We took a harness-maker to board and bought a saddle and bridle. Now I was happy. The winter was over and gone, spring had advanced to its vernal beauty, and summer was just peeping in. But life on the prairie was new to me; I knew nothing of it. I must tell you a little of my first experience. I had heard of "prairie itch," but knew nothing of "chigres." One day I was tired with riding, and Pilgrim was hungry. So I tied up his bridle and let him graze by himself, while I lay down on the green grass and slept. After an hour or so I mounted my pony and pursued my way. The grass was luxurious, the flowers almost numberless and of rare beauty, the meadow-lark sang his sweetest song, and thousands of little birds hopped and flew about so merrily and happy, that there was something of pleasing romance about the whole thing. It was so different from the standing-collar stiffness and drawing-room precision of old settlements and society, that everything about me seemed to have a charm, and I almost felt like building a tabernacle and resting away my life upon the unbroken prairie. Perhaps if it had been certain that hunger, and cold, and night, and storm would never come, I might have stayed there until I dried up and blowed away like the frosted tickle grass and withered flowers. I rode leisurely along, for my thoughts were busily occupied with what might be the designs of God in reference to this great and rich country, until my long shadow reminded me that night was coming, and a kind of goneness about the stomach made me rouse up and hurry on. The sun had gone down, there seemed to be a struggling between its rays and darkness, and just as the shadows were all lost in twilight, I reined up to a Pennsylvania Christian farmer, who had left most of his piety

east of the Allegheny mountains, was received in a friendly manner and kindly cared for. After supper and a little friendly conversation with the family, the old dusty Bible was hunted up, and I read and prayed with the household, and retired for the night. I had already begun to be uneasy, but weariness brought sleep, which, however, was soon interrupted by a terrible itching and burning sensation that beggars all description. Everything that glistens is not gold, nor honey that is sweet. When I lay upon the prairie resting, I thought of Jacob when he imagined the place where he lay was the gate of heaven. But the condition of things now was very different. I thought of fleas, mosquitoes, bed-bugs, and every other horrid thing; but no, these I could brush away. My body was blotched all over, and there they stayed, burning like fire. This was no romance, I can assure you, but stern, ugly tragedy. Imagine yourself stung by a thousand hornets and then rolled in nettles, and you have comfort beside this chigre business. They are a tiny red insect, natural to the prairie grass, which go into the pores of the skin, and poison and burn like the dust of Spanish flies. O chigres! chigres! and sleeping on the prairie!—"every rose has its thorn."

For nearly two years we did a sort of itinerant work, receiving what the people gave us, and making up the balance of our expenses from the small amount we brought with us until that was gone. Just then God opened the way for the organization of the church at E— with nine members, and we then received aid from the Home Mission Board. It seemed discouraging at first that after nearly two years' preaching and laboring, so few could be gathered into a church. At that time (four years ago) there were but five dwellings in E—, and at N— not one. But it is marvellous what wonders God may perform. I believe he has blessed the money and instrumentalities used on this field. Of this you have been apprised from time to time. There are now about eighty members in the two churches of E— and N—, and a good house of worship at each place, free of debt; four Presbyterian congregations to which I preach at regular intervals; nine Sabbath-schools on the field, and one union church building at L—, built largely by those who are favorable to the Presbyterian Church.

S. N. S.

ST. PAUL.

I took up a collection, however, for the Home Mission Board at J—, the Sabbath before I came away, (Oct. 7th) and realized \$38.45. I hoped to raise more but the condition of things there did not indicate an ability to do even this much. In this collection there was ten bushels of wheat, two bushels of corn and one bushel of tomatoes, which I took at the market price. Wheat @ 80 cents, corn @ 35 cts, and tomatoes @ \$1.00.

This contribution, my dear Doctor, is not an indication of our people having grown richer. The largest gift in this contribution from the J— church was from a man who has lost from \$2,000 to \$2,500 by flood. But we hope the Lord will bless us and prove to us the truth that "*There is that scattereth and yet increaseth.*" In reference to the distribution of our gifts to the various causes, I have felt that to the Home Board the first debt is due, but we must not forget other causes, and the people must be educated to an interest in the whole work of the church; and my text on October 7th, when I took the collection for Home Missions, was "For where your treasure is there will your heart be also," and not where your heart is there will your treasure be. So you see what I want to do by getting my people to *take stock* in all the branches of the Lord's work, is to get their hearts interested in all. With prayer

that God will help us to increase more and more in ability to work for the Master, I am, your fraternally,
E. S.

Note that my J—— church has, during this year, contributed \$41.50x \$38.45=\$78.95 to the Home Board. I don't boast of it as a matter of merit, but only would ask you, "Is it not encouraging?"

DEDUCT.

We have just closed our fiscal year. It is precisely one year since I began work in J—— and surroundings. Things have changed very materially since. If another man were to step in next Sabbath and take my place, he would have no idea as to what was endured in the past twelve months. He would have a fine congregation; a good Sabbath-school, orderly and well conducted, opening and closing on time; he would find a new brick church, free of all encumbrance, and nicely furnished, which is partially paid for, and a Bible from which to preach, (the present occupant had to borrow one the first Sabbath) All of these conveniences I was deprived of. We could only get twenty-four scholars at first, and they came in at all hours in the forenoon, principally, however, towards twelve o'clock. We could not tell any thing about a congregation for some weeks. Things look rather comfortable now for a Western city of twelve thousand, and more especially when we compare it with what we were in November 1st, 1876. I have been fortunate in gaining, to some extent, the good wishes of some of the most influential men in J——, who have aided us very much in building. We dedicated our church on September 2d, and received eight members at the same time. I need not tell you that to many of us it was a day long to be remembered. I can scarcely refrain from weeping when I think of how the good Master has blessed and prospered the work, and given both of us a great measure of health and strength in this warm climate, and said to be somewhat unhealthy. I am a good deal worn out. Preaching three times on Sabbath is very wearing, and teaching a large Bible-class in the morning besides. It soon begins to show. I think, however, the second year may not be quite so trying, as I will not have the care of building the church. I don't think I could stand the same work a second year any way. I have occasion to preach frequently during the week, having so many little stations. I must give my sincere thanks to the Home Mission Board for the regularity with which they paid the three quarters of the Board appropriation. It was a great relief. If I had to worry and fret about provision I fear I might give up in despair. And the Lord seems to have provided what the congregation promised, as last winter we did not see how it could be obtained. I go now to W—— city on an average once a week, every two weeks on Sunday, and once during the week between times.

D. K. C.

J— C—.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to you for the grant which you have voted us. It was with no little reluctance that we applied to you for aid, knowing how many and how loud are the calls that come to you from everywhere. But it seemed to us that the life of our church depended upon it. And with a congregation of scarce over one hundred, and none of them wealthy, a sudden call for a considerable amount rather appalled us in such times as these. But with the prospect of help from you to lighten our expenses the current year, we set ourselves boldly to work. And the church has done excellently, and are assured with the encouragement your grant gives us. But we are not doing this without sacrifices. May I give you an instance or two? There is a widow, a poor

washer-woman, whom I had not the heart to ask for anything, knowing she had difficulty enough to make ends meet without extra drafts upon her slender income. But she asked me to call upon her, and saying she supposed I would not refuse the widow's mite, gave three one dollar bills, adding that her heart was set upon adding two more to it before the first of the year.

I called upon another family of whom I expected little, although I knew their hearts were willing and large. But I remembered that when their baby died, a year ago, none of them went into mourning, (as our imperious custom prescribes,) because they felt they could not afford it. But they were ready for me with some bills in an envelope, and a wish that they were able to make it more. What was my surprise on reaching home to find in that envelope seventy-five dollars! Such incidents touch a tender place in a pastor's heart. A church of such timber will endure many a fierce blast.

J. P. H.

HOME MISSION APPOINTMENTS IN NOVEMBER 1877.

- Rev. A. N. Freeman, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Rev. J. P. Hale, Claremont, N. J.
 Rev. W. B. McKee, Franklin and Ogdensburg, N. J.
 Rev. G. M. Potter, Hoboken, Pa.
 Rev. J. R. Wilson, Chestnut St, Erie, Pa.
 Rev. A. Johnson, Nanticoke, Pa.
 Rev. S. J. Milliken, A Carmichael, Memorial, Pa.
 Rev. S. Murdock, Vienna and Lewinsville, Va.
 Rev. J. Moore, Amity, Tenn.
 Rev. E. N. Sawtelle, St. Paul's Tenn.
 Rev. L. R. Janes, Strawberry Plains, Tenn.
 Rev. J. J. Graham, Mineral Ridge, O.
 Rev. S. T. McClure, Carlisle and Pleasantville, Ind.
 Rev. C. McCain, Kentland, Ind.
 Rev. D. W. Cooper, West Point, Ind.
 Rev. J. S. McClung, Mansfield and Sparland, Ills.
 Rev. H. Hanson, Oquawka, Ills.
 Rev. F. H. W. Bruechert, Nauvoo, Ill.
 Rev. T. H. Candor, Braidwood, Ills.
 Rev. H. M. Corbett, Sharon, Ills.
 Rev. B. G. Riley, Waunakee, Wis.
 Rev. O. H. Elmer, Moorhead, Minn.
 Rev. J. O. Sloan, Bismark, Dakota.
 Rev. J. B. Vawter, Alexandria and Belvidere, Neb.
 Rev. G. W. Goodale, Pawnee City and Summit, Neb.
 Rev. L. R. Wheeler, Ponca Pleasant and Elk Valley, Neb.
 Rev. J. Gourlay, Butler Centre and Pisgah, Iowa.
 Rev. R. McQuesten Waterloo, Iowa.
 Rev. D. R. Hindman, Promise and Seymour, Iowa.
 Rev. J. Welch, Bonaparte, Iowa.
 Rev. M. C. Buttel, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.
 Rev. K. Smits, Muscatine, Iowa.
 Rev. W. J. Lee, Holden, Mo.
 Rev. T. H. Tatlow, Edina, Knox, and Wilson, Mo.
 Rev. J. B. Morton, St. Charles, Mo.
 Rev. T. Marshall, Glasgow Ave, St. Louis, Mo.
 Rev. J. G. Reaser, D.D., High St, St. Louis, Mo.
 Rev. N. Sulzer, Salem, Ger, Mo.
 Rev. J. M. Crawford, Trenton, Mo.
 Rev. I. B. Smith, Irving and Frankfort, Kan.
 Rev. G. Hageman, Washington, Kan.
 Rev. D. W. Haven, Holton, Kan.
 Rev. J. C. McElroy, La Crosse, Kan.
 Rev. J. Gordon, Pleasant Ridge and Bethel, Kan.
 Rev. B. T. McClelland, Brownwood, Texas.
 Rev. E. Graham, Santa Barbara, Cal.
 Rev. H. P. Peck, Merced, Cal.

RECEIPTS FOR HOME MISSIONS IN NOVEMBER 1877.

✠Synods in SMALL CAPITALS—Presbyteries in *italics*—Churches in Roman.

ALBANY.—*Albany*—Albany 4th 50; Amsterdam 1st 13 35; Amsterdam 2d 70 14; New Scotland 27; Saratoga Springs 2d Sab-sch 6 59 21 99; Stephentown, add'l 1. *Champlain*—Malone, in part 84 52. *Columbia*—Windham, Young People's Benevolent Ass'n 37 94. *Troy*—Troy, Westminster 7; Troy, Woodside (Sab-sch 10) 104 70; Whitehall 10 427 65

BALTIMORE.—*Baltimore*—Baltimore, Westminster, a member 5; Chestnut Grove 20; Deer Cveek, Harmony 23 05; Ellicott's City 61 50; Lonaconing 35. *New Castle*—Christiana, Home Mission Band 23 65; Dover 15; Green Hill (Sab-sch 40) 55. 238 20

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Binghamton*—Cannonville 12; Owego 84; Whitney's Point 5. *Otsego*—Franklin 13 66; Oxford 74 74. *St Lawrence*—Plessis 6; Theresa 6; Waddington 15. *Syracuse*—Constantia 6 50; Marcellus 140; Mexico 42 15; Oswego 1st (Ladies' Soc'y 25) 72 71; Syracuse, 1st Ward 2 49; Syracuse, Park Central (Adult Bible Class 10) 200. *Utica*—Camden 17; Holland Patent 22 40; Whitesboro 7 50 727 15

CINCINNATI.—*Chillicothe*—Piketown 8; Washington 16. *Cincinnati*—Cheviot 1st, Ger

10; Cincinnati 7th 61 62; Cincinnati, Avondale 54; Cincinnati, Central (Sab-sch 50) 179 85; Cincinnati 1st, Ger 20; Cumminsville 12; Lebanon 34 37. *Dayton*—Franklin 23; Middletown, Young People's Ass'n 56; Springfield 1st 47 91. *Portsmouth*—Jackson 20 31; Johnston 5; Red Oak 21; Russellville 9 12; Winchester 6 584 18

CLEVELAND.—*Cleveland*—Chester 10; Cleveland 1st Ladies' Soc'y 100, 311 71; Cleveland 2d 300; Cleveland, Euclid Ave 74; Rev H B Eldred 10. *Mahoning*—North Jackson 7; Pleasant Valley 8; Youngstown 1st 27. *St Clairsville*—Nottingham 41 80; Scotch Ridge 2 47; Seneca 8 35. *Stuebenville*—Amsterdam 7; Centre Unity 7; East Springfield 7; Oak Ridge 8 50; Two Ridges 12; Wellsville 32; Yellow Creek 10 883 53

COLORADO.—*Colorado*—Canon City 5; Lake City 5 20. *Montana*—Bozeman 10. *Utah*—Salt Lake 2 55 22 75

COLUMBIA.—*Oregon*—Portland 746 15. *South Oregon*—Roseburg 7 20 753 35

COLUMBUS.—*Athens*—Athens, Woman's Miss Soc'y 25. *Marion*—Delhi 9. *Wooster*—Belleville 10; Mansfield 33 81; Orange and Polk,

Woman's Miss'y Soc'y, in part 20 83; Shelby 6 25. *Zanesville*—Chandlerville 20; Dresden 50 25; Martinsburgh 11; New Lexington 1 80; Putnam 86; Roseville 8 02; Uniontown 3 82; Unity 3 02; Utica 11; West Carlisle 5 304 80

ERIE.—*Allegheny*—Allegheny, Providence (39 of which from E L Maxwell, Esq) 50 50; Bakerstown 6; Cross Roads 14 82; Leetsdale 73 53; New Salem 4 27; Tarentum 5. *Butler*—Buffalo 51 26; Concord 45 56; North Butler 3 03; Sunbury 6. *Clarion*—Callensburg 11 60; Clarion 27; Leatherwood 12; Licking 6 20; New Bethlehem 4 50; New Rehoboth, Ladies' Soc'y 25; Oak Grove 3; Perryville 10; Pisgah 10; Sligo 16; Troy 3 60; West Millville 3 20. *Erie*—Belle Valley 5 25; Cochranton 12 25; Franklin 65; Girard 16 50; Meadville 1st 125 45; Meadville 2d 50; Mercer 1st 32 10; North East Sab-sch. Infant Dept 5. *Kittanning*—Elderton 15 23. *Shenango*—Clarksville Sab-sch 21 48 104 61; Hernon 30; Leesburg 10; Slippery Rock Sab-sch 10; West Middlesex 12 14 885 60

GENEVA.—*Cayuga*—Auburn Central 25. *Chemung*—Burdett 15; Elmira 1st 24 67; Rock Stream 4 27. *Geneva*—Canoga 7 25; Penn Yan 93; Phelps 50. *Steuben*—Jasper 7 80 226 99

HARRISBURGH.—*Carlisle*—Gettysburgh 44; Lower Path Valley, add'l 10; Shippensburg 73. *Huntingdon*—Alexandria 79; Altoona 1st 63 75; Birmingham 166 09; Duncansville 8 44; Martinsburgh 8 44; Hollidaysburgh (Sab-sch) 4 34, Miss Mary Wilson 18; 52 30. Lower Tuscarora 46; McVeytown 27 55; Millfintown 92; Petersburg (Sab-sch 5 93) 13 77; Spruce Creek 325 08. *Northumberland*—Brier Creek 5; Hartleton 5; Lycoming Sab-sch 15 40; Mahoning 16 18; Millfintown 6 47; Mooresburgh, Ladies' Soc'y 20; New Berlin 9 50; Warrior Run 25 65; Watsonstown 17 65; Williamsport 2d 21 15 1,177 02

ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—*Bloomington*—Bloomington 1st 23; Chatsworth 5 50; Gilman 5. *Peoria*—Delavan 8; Ipava 10; Knoxville 35 24; Peoria 1st, from W R R 95. *Schuyler*—Bardolph 10; Ebenezer 15; Mt Sterling 1st, Sab-sch 31 75; Warsaw 3. *Springfield*—Dawson 5; North Sangamon 25; Virginia 10 199 44

ILLINOIS, NORTH.—*Chicago*—Chicago, Jefferson Park 29 74; Lake Forest (S D Ward) 50; 160. *Freeport*—Freeport 1st 57 53; Marengo Sab-sch 12; Queen Ann, Ger 5. *Ottawa*—Aurora 7 04; Farm Ridge Sab-sch 1; Oswego 3 50; Paw Paw Grove 6. *Rock River*—Camden 16; Geneseo 2; Munson 7; Princeton (Sab-sch 6) 33; Rock Island, Broadway 15; Woodhull (Sab-sch 3) 20 374 81

ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—*Alton*—Plainview 11 40; Staunton 4; Virden 5 14; Yankeetown 14 35. *Cairo*—Bridgeport 4; Golconda 3; Metropolis 2 50; Pisgah 12; Richland 5 18; Union 3. *Mattoon*—Mattoon 4 69; Pana 2 04 71 30

INDIANA, NORTH.—*Crawfordsville*—Delphi Sab-sch 14 60; Elizaville 1. *Fort Wayne*—Kendallville 10 76; Lima 11 90. *Logansport*—Lake Prairie 16 37; Michigan City 83 05. *Muncie*—Wabash 6 16 143 84

INDIANA, SOUTH.—*Indianapolis*—Indianapolis 2d 160; Indianapolis 6th (Ladies' Soc'y) 6 10; Indianapolis 9th 5; Southport 6 62. *New Albany*—Bethel 4 05; Hanover 15; Madison 1st (Sab-sch 14) 38 57; Mitchell 10; Oak Grove 2 50; Smyrna 4 25; St John's 5. *Vincennes*—Evansville, Grace 49 30; Howsville 6; Pleasantville 3. *White Water*—Connersville, Ger 8; Dunlapville 8; Hopewell 2 50; Liberty 6; Sparta 50 cts; Versailles 5 339 29

IOWA, NORTH.—*Cedar Rapids*—Cedar Rapids 1st, add'l 329 63; Claren 3; Ely 2 71; Fairfax 2 72; Mt Auburn 2 72; Mount Vernon 10; Vinton 1st 57 91; Wyoming 10 93. *Dubuque*—Bethel 6 25; Lansing, Ger 4 50. *Fort Dodge*—Fort Dodge ch and Sab-sch 8 69. *Waterloo*—Butler Centre 5 10; La Porte City 15; Pisgah 6 40 465 58

IOWA, SOUTH.—*Council Bluffs*—Logan 7 50; Malvern, Women's Miss'y Soc'y 20; Missouri Valley 10 50; Riverside 6 10. *Des Moines*—Chariton (Sab-sch 10) 15; Corydon 5; English 2 60; Knoxville 8; Winterset 28 50. *Iowa*—Birmingham 8; Grandview 7; Libertyville 4; Middletown 12; New London 5; Salina 3. *Iowa City*—Eldridge 2 70; Summit 5; Tipton 22 25 172 15

KANSAS.—*Emporia*—Eureka, Westminster 4 50; Lyndon 3; Osage City 2; Wichita 18. *Highland*—Effingham 3 90; Nortonville 3 90. *Neosho*—Ottawa 6 50. *Solomon*—Crooked Creek 1 25; Delphos 4; Glasco 8; Hays City 10; Jewell City 5; Minneapolis 16; Neighborhood 1 75; Norton 4 45; Phillips Co, Ger 1 55. *Topeka*—Auburn 6 61; Fairmount 3 50; Reno 2 50; Stranger 3 109 41

KENTUCKY.—*Ebenezer*—Augusta (25 of wh from G H McKibben) 39. *Louisville*—Bowling Green 13 35; Caney For. 5. *Transylvania*—Paint Lick 8; Richmond 7 72 53

LONG ISLAND.—*Brooklyn*—Brooklyn 2d 62 75; Edgewater 1st Sab-sch 25; New Brighton, Calvary 18 10. *Long Island*—Moriches 15; Setauket (Sab-sch 3 07); Yaphank 7 135 92

MICHIGAN.—*Detroit*—Brighton 6; Mount Clemens 37; Pontiac 18 89; South Lyon 2; Ypsilanti 123 33. *Grand Rapids*—Grand Rapids Westminster 26 15; Ferry Ministry Fund 62 50. *Kalamazoo*—Constantine 15; Sturgis 23. *Lansing*—Homer Sab-sch 14) 80; Mason 30. *Monroe*—Blissfield 3 15; Coldwater 20; Raisin 11 38; Tecumseh 33 55. *Saginaw*—Flushing 4 56; Saginaw City 21 34; Taymouth 6 94 523 79

MINNESOTA.—*Mankato*—Lake Crystal 3 36; Maclia 5 50; Redwood Falls 30; St Peter's Union, Ladies' Soc'y 12; Tracy 5; Winnebago City 35 50. *St Paul*—Fergus Falls 10 70; Minneapolis 1st 28 65; Minneapolis, Andrew 20; Moorhead 10; Red Wing, Ladies' Home Miss'y Soc'y 20; Shakopee 2; St Cloud 20; Western 3 205 71

MISSOURI.—*Osage*—Butler 12. *Ozark*—Joplin 4. *Palmyra*—Palmyra 2. *Platte*—Mirabile 3. *St Louis*—Bethel, Ger 6; Edward Ahrens 2 50 29 50

NEBRASKA.—*Nebraska City*—Fairmont 5 25; Geneva 2; Seward 6 85 14 10

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Basking Ridge (Sab-sch 10, Franklin Sab-sch 4) 85; Elizabeth 1st 379 04; Elizabethport 23; Roselle 1st Sab-sch 7 64 15 64; Westfield 32. *Jersey City*—Jersey City 2d 12; Jersey City, Westminster, from Mrs Julia Fisher 3; Tenafly 8 14. *Monmouth*—Freehold 1st 27 50; Hightstown 100; Jacksville 3 50. *Morris and Orange*—Mendham 1st 40; Mme Hill 4 25; Morrinstown 1st, add'l 25; Morris Plains 4; Succasunna Miss'y Soc'y 35 50. *Newark*—Newark 1st Ladies' Home Miss'y Soc'y 80) 230; Newark Park 10 85; Newark, Roseville Ladies' Soc'y 103) 514 82; Newark, South Park 413 65. *New Brunswick*—Amwell 2d 10 50; Stockton 10 50; Titusville 12 10; Trenton 5th 7 55; Trenton, Prospect St 28 54. *Newton*—Blairstown Sab-sch 19 11) 79 11; North Hardistown 20; Yellow Frame 6 72. *West Jersey*—Blackwoodtown, in part 50; Bridgeton West 33 50; Camden 1st 61 67; Camden 2d 84; Clayton Sab-sch 14 2,385 09

NEW YORK.—*Hudson*—Chester 72; Cohecton 3 75; Florida 1st 31; Hopewell 40; Middletown 2d 9 81; Mount Hope 17; Ridgebury 2 96; Washingtonville 1st 25; White Lake 2 80. *New York*—Harlem 1st 13 10; New York, Brick, in part 1,672 65; New York, 14th St 76 80; New York, Memorial 128 03; New York, N rth 52 08; New York, Scotch 587 57; New York, W 23d St 123 43; New York, 4th Ave, mon coin coil 28 45; New York, Covenant Chapel 6. *North River*—Poughkeepsie 28 41; Pleasant Plains 20. *Westchester*—Croton Falls 20; Hartford 1st 148; Irving-

ton 285 47; Mt Kisco 15 80; Port Chester 10; Sing Sing, add'l 125; South East Centre 17; South Salem .25 of which from Ladies' Western Benevolent Soc'y) 65; Yonkers 1st 216 09; Yorktown 28 3,869 20

PACIFIC.—Benicia—Callistoga 8; St Helena 10. San Jose—Livermore 4 22 00

PHILADELPHIA.—Chester—Bryn Mawr 24 11; Darby 1st 15; Downingtown Central, from A P Tutton 75; Forks of Brandywine 22; New London 30; Oxford (Mt Joy Sab sch 10 17; 108 17; Waynesburg 150. Lackawanna—Canton (Sab-sch 5, East Canton Sab sch 2) 36; Harmony 80; Langeliff 5; Providence 5 25; Rushville 3; Stevensville 3; Wilkesbarre, Memorial 18 87. Lehigh—Reading 1st 194. Philadelphia—Philadelphia 2d 118 06; Philadelphia, Tenth 921; Philadelphia, Woodland 131 92. Philadelphia Central—Phila'da, Arch St a member 225 475 73; Phila, Cohocksink Sab-sch 20; Phila, Geo Chandler Sab-sch 50; Phila, Kensington 65; Phila, Spring Garden (of which Miss J H Faries 100, Miss Mary A Faries 50) 196 64; Phila, West Arch St 80 90; Mantua 2d 14 41. Philadelphia North—Ann Carmichael 10 27; Holmesburgh 5 85; Huntingdon Valley 6; Lower Merion (Sab-sch 23 32) 30 32; Newtown 60 81. Westminster—Slate Ridge 15; Slateville 20 2,989 21

PITTSBURGH.—Blairsville—Armagh 12 27; Centreville 5; Ebensburg 5 41; Irwin 7 15; Latrobe, from Jas Douglass 5; New Alexandria (Sab-sch 11 12) 97 88; New Salem 22. Pittsburgh—Canonsburgh 27 62; East Liberty 24; Forest Grove 23; Mount Olive 7; Pittsburgh 7th 9; Pittsbu gh, Bellefield 84 32; Pittsburgh Central 185; Pittsburgh, Shady Side 15. Redstone—New Providence 20; Sewickley 3 70; Tyrone 12 35. Washington—Cameron 5; Moundsville (Ladies 10) 16 25; Unity 7; Wellsburg 20 50. West Virginia—Elizabeth 3; Fairmount 4; Glenville 2; Parkersburgh 1st, Ladies' Soc'y 4; Spencer 6 634 43

TENNESSEE.—Kingston—New Providence 4 10. Union—New Market 3; Strawberry Plains 1 76 8 86

TOLEDO.—Bellefontaine—Bellefontaine 8 02; Bucyrus 10 25; Spring Hills 2 22; West Liberty 2 52; Zanesfield 2. Huron—Fremont 18; Tiffin 4. Maumee—Hicksville 4; Maumee City 7; Union 2; West Bethesda 8 68 01

WESTERN NEW YORK.—Buffalo—Alden 7; Buffalo, Calvary 4; Westfield 75. Genesee—Castile 17 76; Elba 22; Warsaw 109. Genesee Valley—Allegany 15. Niagara—Knowlesville (Dr G W Graves) 31; Medina 45. Rochester—Dansville, add'l 20; Lima 3 94; Ogdén 12 18; Rochester Brick 80; Rochester, Calvary 10; Sparta 2d (Sab-sch 3 25) 13; Union Corners 1 465 88

WISCONSIN.—Chippewa—La Crosse North 9 50; Neshannoc 16 05. Lake Superior—Marquette 35 91. Milwaukee—Beloit 1st 31 33; Beloit, Ger 1; Jefferson 3 50; Manitowoc 1st 18. Milwaukee, Calvary 40 69; Rev W C Cort 6 50. Winnebago—Juneau 19. Wisconsin River—Columbus 10; Lodi (" P" 12) 27 45 216 93

From the Ladies Board of Missions, New York 125 00

Total received from churches, \$19,873 30

LEGACIES.—Legacy of Rachel Heck, dec'd, late of Cumberland, Md 273 28, less expenses 13 40—259 88; Bequest of Oakley M Hoagland, dec'd, late of Bardolph, Ill 50; Legacy of Sarah Patterson, dec'd, late of Phila, Pa 930 81 1,240 69

MISCELLANEOUS.—Mrs Silas Hall, Bacon Ridge, N Y 5; Mrs M J Work, Bardolph, Ill 10; East Bloomfield, Ladies' Home Miss'y Soc'y 38 50; "Talks to my Bible Class" 5; Mrs Austin Rogers, Cape Vincent, N Y 2; Mrs S L Lord, Somanauk, Ill 3; Rev E N

Lord, Waterman, Ill 2; "C," Ohio 17 27; Mrs Anna V S Fisher, Batavia, N Y 20; Soc of Inquiry of Union Theological Sem'y 8; Mrs Nehemiah Choate, East Derry, N H 20; 20; Mrs Mary G Pigeon, East Derry, N H 30; Mr A McNeil, Union Co, O 5; Mrs M J Semple, Phila, Pa 150; Miss Mary Vance, Glendale, Ohio 10; "From A Friend, N Y, per the Presbyterian, N Y 2; Int on Bowes Bequest 70; Int on Eliza Hyndshaw Bequest, Dividend on Bank Stock 5; Trustees of General Assembly, six months Interest on Permanent Fund 456 42 869 19

Total in November 1877, \$21,953 18

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CLOTHING.

1 box from the Ladies Missionary Society of Rochester 3d ch, N Y, valued at 217 22
1 box from the Ladies of Wilmington, Hanover St, Del, valued at 135 00

1 box from the Ladies of Mahoning ch, Pa, valued at 52 00

1 box from the Ladies' Home Miss'y Soc'y of Trenton 1st ch, N J, valued at 236 39

2 boxes from the Ladies' Sewing Soc'y of Brooklyn, South Third St, N Y, valued at 328 00

1 box from the Ladies' Miss'y Soc'y of Gouverneur ch, N Y, valued at 109 81

1 box from the Ladies of Erie Park ch, Pa, valued at 250 00

1 box from the Ladies of Franklin ch, Pa, valued at 56 00

1 box from the Ladies' Miss'y and Sewing Soc'y of Lawrenceville ch, N J, valued at 162 52

1 box from the Woman's Miss'y Soc'y of Frenchtown ch, N J, valued at 103 00

1 box from the Ladies' Soc'y of Peekskill 1st ch, N Y, valued at 156 00

1 box from the Ladies' Home Miss'y Soc'y of Hollidaysburg ch, Pa, valued at 184 00

1 box from the Ladies of Mercer 1st ch, Pa, valued at 72 35

2 boxes from the Ladies of Auburn 1st ch, N Y, valued at 727 74

1 box from the Ladies' Benevolent Assn of Buffalo, Westminster ch, N Y, valued at 92 00

1 box from the Ladies' Home Miss'y Soc'y of Westchester, Pa. No value given.

1 box from the Ladies' Miss'y Soc'y of Allegheny Central ch, Pa, valued at 150 00

1 box from the Ladies' Home Miss'y Soc'y of Upper Octorara ch, Pa, valued at 52 92

1 box from the Ladies of Brooklyn, Greene Ave ch, N Y, valued at 112 00

1 box from the Ladies of Forks of Brandywine Manor ch, Pa, valued at 90 00

1 box from the Ladies of Greenleaf Circle of Newburyport 1st, Mass, valued at 100 00

1 box from the Ladies' Home Miss'y Soc'y of Lane Seminary ch, Ohio, valued at 100 00

1 box from the Ladies' Miss'y Soc'y of Auburn 2d ch, N Y, valued at 71 41

1 box from the Ladies' Home Miss'y Soc'y of Albany 1st, N Y, valued at 225 00

1 box from the Ladies' Home Miss'y Soc'y of Trenton, Prospect St ch, N J, valued at 300 00

1 box from the Ladies' Home Miss'y Soc'y of Waukesha ch, Wis, valued at 35 00

1 box from the Ladies' Soc'y of Sterling ch, Ill, valued at 114 00

1 box from the Ladies of Stillwater ch, N J, valued at 47 25

1 box from the Ladies of Pontiac ch, Mich, valued at 25 00

1 box from the Ladies' Miss'y Soc'y of Phila Third ch, Pa, valued at 193 35

1 box from the Ladies of Syracuse 4th ch, N Y, valued at 90 67

Total value, \$4,618 63

SUSTENTATION DEPARTMENT.

There are now some fifty-five or sixty ministers in the mission or sustentate pastorates as arranged by the General Assembly of 1876. The churches thus aided appear to be doing well. The growth of churches is ordinarily slow in such hard times as these, indeed if any department "holds its own" in such times of trial it is doing well. Let all hope and work for better times, but especially for times of enlargement and refreshing from the presence of the Lord. He alone can "give the increase." He alone can give pastors after His own heart, to lead His people like a flock "in green pastures and beside still waters."

I send enclosed my Second Quarterly Report. Preaching and the prayer-meetings have been conducted regularly every Sabbath. Our Sabbath School is flourishing. My youngest daughter has been ill ever since her mother died, but is now recovering. On this account I have not preached as much as usual at a distance from Cambridge. I have, however, twice been away to assist brethren in an adjoining church, in one place staying from Monday till Saturday, preaching seven times. Our congregations have been larger than usual the present month.

This Second Report of my pastoral services in this field of labor will not materially differ from the first one. I report most excellent congregations in both churches of my charge, and good attention to the preaching of the word. It has taken much time and labor to gather together the congregation in Dearborn, as they were scattered. In Dearborn they have never had a pastor settled over them before, and they now begin to feel that they have a spiritual home, and the effect has been most excellent. They are working more harmoniously, deeper feeling is manifested and co-operation is secured. I think I observe when preaching, that many who attend and are not members, are most deeply agitated when the subjects of Repentance, Pardon, God's Grace, and the Love and Mercy of Christ and his Salvation are presented—especially is this the case with the young who attend. I have as hearers from time to time the Roman Catholic, the Universalist, the Unitarian, the worldly man and woman, the Spiritualist, and those who say the Bible is no better book than any other. We are so near the city of Detroit that strangers often come in and hear the preaching, and we never see them again. In E. Nankin church affairs are in the main prospering. Congregations increasing. They are greatly encouraged. Interesting Sabbath School and prayer meetings. Sabbath evenings they either have a prayer-meeting or a Bible lesson led by the pastor, or sometimes they have service of their own. A sermon is read by some young man. They are thoroughly aroused. There are some young persons who will, I think, join the church at the next communion, which event will greatly rejoice their parents and friends. I can truly say to the Board that in all my ministry I never felt responsibility as I now do. How insufficient I am for these things. I pray the Lord for

strength, wisdom, grace and love. I feel for sinners as I never did before. They are perishing in their sins. May God pour his Holy Spirit out upon them, that they may be brought to Christ and be saved. Dear brethren I ask your prayers.

The above is my report for the Second Quarter in these fields, which ended the last of October. Fraternaly yours,
Nov. 1877.

J. W. M.

The congregation is doing its best this year to liquidate part of the debt still due on the church. They stand greatly in need of a manse, but are inadequate to the task of building it without aid. The outlook, however, is better than in the past. Could the Board not dispense with the one-twentieth of salary sent the Board? It produces an impression rather unfavorable. The collections have fallen off in spite of my best efforts to keep them up to the mark. You may give me credit for being loyal to the Boards, for trace my steps where I have been and you will see that I raised more and more regularly than was raised in the same places either before or since. This is an age of severe criticisms on Boards, Church Courts, &c., and if it be possible to remove difficulties from feeble congregations, strong ones in their neighborhood will certainly be more liberal. This is merely a suggestion and in no sense in the way of fault-finding. I purposely delayed this report till the items should be paid in cash for the quarter, as the Board did not act on our petition till August.

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUSTENTATION IN NOVEMBER 1877.

Rev. W. S. Wright, Westminster, Pa.
Rev. J. D. Howey, Kewanee, Ill.

Rev. W. G. Keady, Savannah, Mo.
Rev. J. A. Pinkerton, Chillicothe, Mo.

RECEIPTS FOR SUSTENTATION IN NOVEMBER 1877.

ALBANY.—*Albany*—Saratoga Springs 2d
(1 64 of which from Sab-seh) 5 46
CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Syracuse*—Syracuse,
1st Ward 0 12
CINCINNATI.—*Cincinnati*—College Hill 9;
Lane Seminary, add'l 5; Venice 15 29 00
CLEVELAND.—*Cleveland*—Cleveland 1st
52 60; Cleveland 2d 100; Cleveland, Euclid
Ave 18 37. *Mahoning*—Poland 4. *St Clairs-*
ville—Scotch Ridge 61 cts. *Steubenville*—
Still Fork 3 25 178 83
COLUMBUS.—*Wooster*—Loudonville 4 00
ERIE.—*Butler*—Concord 14 70; North Butler
4 52. *Erie*—Oil City 1st 38 60. *Kittanning*—
West Lebanon 20 78 02
GENEVA.—*Chemung*—Burdett 1; Elmira 1st
6 12 7 12
HARRISBURGH.—*Huntingdon*—Duncansville
8 44; Martinsburg 8 43. *Northumberland*—
Williamsport 2d 2 08 18 95
ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—*Bloomington*—Buck-
ley 3. *Springfield*—Dawson 3 6 00
ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—*Alton*—Sugar Creek
4 50; Trenton 5 50; Virden 1 28. *Mattoon*—
Pana 51 cts 11 79
INDIANA, SOUTH.—*Indianapolis*—Hopewell
3 77; Indianapolis 2d 25. *Vincennes*—Mt
Vernon 35 63 77
MICHIGAN.—*Detroit*—Detroit 1st 84 19. *Mon-*
roe—Coldwater 20 104 19
NEW JERSEY.—*Jersey City*—Rutherford
Park 6 03; Tenafly 2 02. *Monmouth*—Borden-
town 6 28. *Morris ani Orange*—Hanover 30;
Orange, Ger 2. *Newark*—Newark Park 2 70.
New Brunswick—Stockton 4; Trenton 4th
23 25. *Newton*—Yellow Frame 1 66 77 94

NEW YORK.—*Hudson*—Middletown 2d 2 43
PHILADELPHIA.—*Chester*—New London 15.
Lackawanna—Harmony 8 50. *Philadelphia*
Central—Mantua 2d 5 28 50
PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—Johnstown 18.
Pittsburgh—East Liberty 24; Shady Side 7 50.
West Virginia—Sutton 1 50 50
TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Rushsylvania 2;
Spring Hills 55 cts; West Liberty 62 cts 3 17
WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Buffalo*—Westfield
7 50. *Niagara*—Porter 19. *Rochester*—Lima
98 cts; Ogden 3 02 30 50
Total received from churches, \$700 09
MISCELLANEOUS.—“C,” Ohio 4 29
Total in November 1877, \$704 38

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ments and other operations of the Board,
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Rev. HENRY KENDALL, D.D., or
Rev. CYRUS DICKSON, D.D.,
No. 23 Centre Street, New York City.

LETTERS relating to the pecuniary affairs of
the Board, or containing remittances of money,
should be sent to O. D. EATON, Esq, Treasurer
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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS GREAT, BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WOULD SEND FORTH LABORERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Luke x. 2.

THE CONDITION.

There are at present accepted by the Board 421 candidates for the ministry in various stages of their course of education. Of these 76 are in their last Seminary year. Sixty-five are Freedmen or negroes; 26 are preparing to take charge of French or German churches. Quite a number are sons of ministers of our Home and Foreign missionaries. A large number come to us with special commendations of their worth and superior promise. In some Seminaries, those assisted form nearly the whole number of the students in attendance—and all of these are needed by the church. They are destined to meet the growing demand for supplying our home pulpits, and for managing our Foreign Missions. As a body their value to the church or country is inestimable. Inadequacy in the ministry is crippling to all our religious enterprises and weakening to all our other Boards. Especially is this true of our work among the Freedmen. The great lack in this field is suitable ministers to take charge of the churches that are now fast being organized. These ministers must be raised by us. By far the great majority of those now in training have small means of support aside from what they receive from the Board. Let the Board's friends fail, and these will be obliged to leave the institution in order to get a livelihood. The question is, Will the churches leave this important interest in the lurch? The month for our collections has passed, and only 1069 churches have sent us contributions. We have still to hear from the rest. Many of these, no doubt, have not changed the order of their contributions, and will in due time send in their portions. But as it is, we are now in great need. Already have we been obliged to borrow \$8,000 to meet the November appropriations, and January is close upon us when another appropriation will become due. What shall be done—suspend payment, or go on incurring a debt until we get swamped? We know the unparalleled stringency in the money market. Hence the greater necessity for all to send their littles. Several churches which gave us liberally last year, have sadly come down in the amount of their donations, and unless these are supplemented by a larger number of contributions, we shall come out worse than we did last year, and the distress upon the students will be greater than ever. We fear that some whole classes would be obliged to disband. One President writes: "If it were not for you and the Board our bottom would drop out." We have like indications of disaster from some others.

NEED OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

There are some, we learn, who have been so carried away with the success of Mr. Moody and other Evangelists, (which we confess has been signal,) that they decline aiding any further towards educating young men in our Seminaries. There is no need of it, they think. Scholastics hurt the mind for the pulpit, in their view. Better a private course. Because Amos, the herdsman of Tekoa, was neither "a prophet nor the son of a prophet," that is, never went to "a school of the prophets," was not regularly graduated and ordained, yet prophesied well, therefore Samuel and Elijah and Elisha were all wrong in encouraging these institutions. To their consideration we commend the following extract from the discourse of one of our ablest divines, who though dead still speaks: "If ever churches needed a thoroughly trained ministry, it is our American churches in their present position and conflicts. If all the wisdom and fulness of the Christian system ever needed to be poured into the very heart of any society, ours is that society,—so united in a few great political and religious convictions, and so divided on all other points. Though the mariner has a richly freighted bark, and all the powers of steam, and even the terrestrial magnet, he needs more than ever the stars and the sun, and the best instruments of science to tell him where he is. No theological education can be too thorough for our ministry, which does not interfere with the higher moral and spiritual qualifications for the ministerial work. And the most thorough intellectual discipline does not do this, though an inferior culture may.

“We need a ministry trained for conflict and discussion, and trained through investigation and discussion; for on the field of open controversy all the great questions which come thick and fast upon us are to be adjusted. We need a ministry qualified to refute error by showing its grounds, and to advance truth by displaying its symmetry; which can meet argument by argument, a vain philosophy by a higher wisdom, novel speculations by showing either that they are too novel or too antiquated, pretended ecclesiastical claims by pointing to the gaps in the succession, and the assumptions of an infallible church by the documents that prove its infallibility. We need a ministry which shall be conservative without bigotry, and progressive without lawlessness; which shall neither nail the conscious needle to the north, nor strive to walk without the needle's guidance; which shall hold the truth in its fulness, and the truth in its simplicity, and the truth in its symmetry, and the truth in its power; which shall sympathize with all human wants and woes, and which above all temporal wants shall labor for the spiritual welfare of immortal souls; which shall be ready to live and to die for the church as the body of Christ, and for Christ as the head of the church, and for all men for the sake of Christ and his kingdom.

“We need a ministry filled with the powers of the world to come; living in the grand realities of God's spiritual kingdom, and really believing that it is the Lord's; that he hath not forsaken it, that he will not forget it; that though a woman may forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb, yet God will not forget his Zion. Behold, he says, I have graven it upon the palms of my hands, and thy walls are continually before me. Fear not, for I am with thee. I will bring thy seed from the East, and gather thee from the West; I will say to the North, give up, and to the South, keep not back; bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth.”

RECEIPTS FOR EDUCATION IN NOVEMBER 1877.

ALBANY.—*Albany*—Saratoga Springs 2d 3 18, Sab-sch 1 84= 5 02

BALTIMORE.—*Baltimore*—Baltimore, Brown Memorial 59 25; Lonaconing 6; Piney Creek 10; Taneytown 10 25; Rev Samuel Perry 20. *New Castle*—Port Deposit 13; Red Clay Creek 22 47. *Washington City*—Washington, Assembling 14 70 155 67

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Binghamton*—Coventry 2d 14 25; Masonville 2; Windsor 7 25. *Syracuse*—Baldwinsville 10; Syracuse, First Ward 14 cts. *Utica*—Clayville 5; Utica 1st 55 66; Utica, Westminster 25 119 30

CINCINNATI.—*Chillicothe*—Chillicothe 3d 3; South Salem 9 59. *Cincinnati*—Chevier 1st, Ger 2. *Portsmouth*—Portsmouth 2d 44 20 18 79

CLEVELAND.—*Cleveland*—Cleveland 1st 59 05; Cleveland, Euclid 2d 20 63. *St Clairsville*—Coal Brook 3 20; Freeport 75 cts; Rock Hill 9; Sco ch Ridge 69 c.s.; Short Creek 5; York 3. *Staubenville*—Annapp 1s 5; Carrollton 6 63; Centre Unity 3; Madison 3; Oak Ridge 7; Unionport 3 128 95

COLORADO.—*Colorado*—Evans 1 50; Greeley 4 5 60

COLUMBUS.—*Columbus*—Circleville 1st 5 29. *Marion*—Berlin West 3 50; Delaware 10; Mt Gilad 16 34; Trenton 6. *Wooster*—Ashtland 31 93. *Zanesville*—Duncan's Falls 3; Frazeysburg 4; Martinsburg 7 50 Muskingum 10; New Lexington 1 57; Pataskala 14; Roseville 1; Uniontown 1 50; Unity 3 30; Rev John Tenney 10; Rev 1d N Williamson 5 135 90

ERIE.—*Allegheny*—Hiland 1st 8 93; Salem 7 43. *Clarion*—Perryville 10. *Erie*—Harmonburg 6 70; Sugar Creek 4; Sugar Creek Memorial 4; Sunville 8 60. *Kittanning*—Currie's Run 15; Galgal 3; Glade Run 25; Mount Pleasant 4; Rockbridge 2 25. *Shenango*—Leesburg 8; New Brighton 15 75 122 66

GENEVA.—*Chemung*—Elmira First 6 87; Mead's Creek 1 57; Sugar Hill 1 40; Watkins 13. *Lyons*—East Palmyra 19 34. *Steuben*—Howard 10; Pultney 3 55 18

HARRISBURGH.—*Carlisle*—Harrisburgh, 7th St 5; Shermandale 3. *Northumberland*—Grove 11; New Columbia 3; Williamsport 2d 6 88 28 88

ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—*Bloomington*—Bement 6 38. Chatsworth 6; Chenoa 3. *Peoria*—Yates City 3. *Scuyler*—Angusa 8 88; Bardo, ph 2; Camp Creek 6; Fountain Green 5; New Salem 2; Rushville 3. *Springfield*—Jacksonville, Westminster 20 65 26

ILLINOIS, NORTH.—*Chicago*—Peotone 5. *Ottawa*—Union Grove 3 74. *Rock River*—Lamlet 5; Princeton 10 23 74

ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—*Alton*—Alton 15 30; Edwardsville 4 70; Virden 1 44. *Cairo*—Fairfield 6; Metropolis 2; Snawneetown 18 20. *Mattoon*—Pana 57 cts 48 21

INDIANA, NORTH.—*Crawfordsville*—Crawfordsville Centre 20; Dephi 10 15. *Fort Wayne*—La Grange 7; Waterloo 5. *Muncie*—Wabash 1 72 43 87

INDIANA, SOUTH.—*Indianapolis*—Bainbridge 6 53; Bethany 5; Carpenersville 2 47; Putnamville 5 33. *New Albany*—Bethel 1 30; Oak Grove 1 15. *White Water*—Brookville 5 05; Richmond 19; Shebysville 3 15 48 11

IOWA, NORTH.—*Cedar Rapids*—Clarence 3; Wheatland 3. *Dubuque*—McGregor Ger 5; Sherrill's Mound 5 16 00

IOWA, SOUTH.—*Iowa*—Oakland 4. *Iowa City*—Red Oak Grove 5 9 00

KANSAS.—*Highland*—Washington 5. *Neosho*—Cherokee 2; Garnett 4; La Cygne 2; Monmouth 1; Pleasant View 1; Sugar Valley 2 17 00

KENTUCKY.—*Ebenezer*—Augusta 12 00

MICHIGAN.—*Detroit*—Plainfie'd 6 02; Undilla 3 45. *Lansing*—Parma 4; Stockbridge 5 53 19 06

MINNESOTA.—*Mankato*—Redwood Falls 3 20. *St Paul*—Minneapolis 1st 9 15; Stillwater 1st 2 15. *Winona*—Stewartsville 3 15; Wykoff 1 90 19 55

MISSOURI.—*Osage*—Appleton City 4; Westfield 1 67. *Ozark*—Springfield Calvary 24 25. *Platte*—King City 1; St Joseph, Westminster 39; Willow Brook 1. *St Louis*—Salem, Ger 6 76 92

NEBRASKA.—*Nebraska City*—Nebraska City 3. *Omaha*—Daily Branch 2 5 00

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Elizabeth, Westminster 50; Roselle 1st, Sab-sch 1 71 3 50. *Jersey City*—Tenally 2 27. *Monmouth*—Hightstown 25; Holmanville 7; Jacksonville 3; Matawan 10 91; Red Bank 7. *Morris and Orange*—Madison 33 10; Morristown 1st 45 83. *Newark*—Newark 3 1 57 06; Newark Park 3 03. *New Brunswick*—Frenchtown 22 29; Kirkpatrick, Memorial 4 50; Stockton 4. *Newton*—Hackettstown 59; Yellow Frame 1 88. *West Jersey*—Fairfield 7 50 337 87

NEW YORK.—*Hudson*—Circleville 8; Florida 1st 19; Florida 2d 15; Middletown 2d 2 74; Washingtonville 1st 15; White Lake 5 50. *New York*—New York, Ch of the Covenant 251 60; New York Rutgers 116 50; New York, West 293 43. *North River*—Little Britain 13 50. *Westchester*—Mt Kisco 5 70 745 97

PHILADELPHIA.—*Lackawanna*—Providence 2 25; Susquehann 5 90; Wilkesbarre 1st 97 72. *Lehigh*—Hazleton 2d 17. *Philadelphia*—Philadelphia, South St 44 21; Philadelphia, W Spruce St 256 10; Philadelphia, Wharton St 12. *Philadelphia North*—Germantown 1st 381 820 35

PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—Beulah 14 38; Braddock's 11; Ebensburg 3 90; Laird 7 40; Livermore 4 60. *Pittsburgh*—East Liberty 13; Mansfield 4; Pittsburgh, Shady Side 7 50; Sharon 11 05. *Redstone*—Browsville 20; Mt Pleasant Reunion 12 60; Mt Pleasant 14 10. *Washington*—West Liberty 5. *West Virginia*—Lumberport 2; Sutton 1 131 53

TENNESSEE.—*Kingston*—New Providence 8 20. *Union*—Hopewell 2; Westminster 1 11 20

TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Bellefontaine 2 24; Bucyrus 2 87; Crestline 4; Rushsylvania 2 28; Spring Hills 62 cts; West Liberty 70 cts. *Huron*—Bloomville 5 10; Fremont 8 45. *Lima*—Ada 5. *Maumee*—Bryan 16 48 47 74

WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Buffalo*—Fredonia 26; Westfield 12 50. *Genesee Valley*—Portville 15 15. *Rochester*—Brockport 22 46; Lima 1 10; Ogden 3 40 80 61

WISCONSIN.—*Milwaukee*—Milwaukee, Immanuel 33 21; Pike Grove 4; Waukesha 10. *Wisconsin River*—St Paul, Ger 2 65 49 86

Total receipts from churches, \$3,444 64

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev E Garland, Granville, O 10; 'C,' Ohio 4 79; A Friend, San Lorenzo, Cal 5; Mrs Ediza F Piper, McEwansville, Pa 25 44 79

Total receipts in November, \$3,489 43

Legacy of \$500 from Charles Wright in Nov. Record as from Canton, Ohio, should be Canton, Penna.

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

RECENT INTELLIGENCE.

DEATH OF MISS WILLIAMSON.—It is with much regret that we have to report the death of Miss Nancy J. Williamson, of the Dakota Mission, on the 18th of November. She was a daughter of the Rev. T. S. Williamson, M.D.; she was associated with her brother at Yankton Agency, the Rev. J. P. Williamson. She was a faithful and devoted missionary. After long illness she entered peaceably into rest. Many mourn her departure, and sincere sympathy is felt for her venerable father and other relatives, but for herself it was far better to depart and be with Christ.

NOTICES OF MISSIONARIES.—The arrival out is reported of Mr. Bird and Miss Lyons, in Syria; Mr. and Mrs. Knox, in Japan; Miss Anderson, M.D., and Miss Barr, in China; and Mr. and Mrs. M'Lean, in Chili. The arrival at San Francisco is reported of Mrs. Preston and her daughters, the family of the late lamented Rev. C. F. Preston, of Canton. Her son has been in this country for several years, at school. The Ladies' Missionary Society in San Francisco persuaded Mrs. Preston to take charge of the Chinese Women's Home, Miss Cummings and Miss Phillips having left it with the consent of the same Society. The return of Mrs. J. M. Smith, formerly Miss Lush, to the Mission in Africa, through inadvertence was not reported last month. She sailed earlier than Miss Jones and Miss Walker, but they all embarked for Gaboon, at Liverpool on the 17th of November. Miss Nassau was on a visit to the Scotch Missionaries at Old Calabar, and when she wrote, September 15th, she was gaining health and expected to join her brother, the Rev. R. H. Nassau, M. D., at an early day, and to spend some time at his station on the Ogowe. The health of Mrs. Loomis, wife of the Rev. A. W. Loomis, D. D., of San Francisco, has for some months been so seriously impaired that under medical counsel they have taken leave of absence for a season from their work in California. John G. Kerr, M. D., and his wife, for many years missionaries of the Board at Canton, China, came to this country some time ago, for Mrs. Kerr's health and for the education of their children. They are now connected with the Chinese Mission in California, and in charge of Chinese work in San Francisco, where Dr. Kerr's vigorous labors will find full employment. At the meeting of Presbytery it was arranged that Mr. Lenington of Rio de Janeiro should remove to Bahia, and Mr. Houston to Rio de Janeiro. These changes have been made.

NEW CONVERTS.—Mr. Ramsey reports four new communicants received by the Seminole church, and three restored. Mr. Condit baptized nine Chinese converts in San Francisco; about fifty Chinese Chris-

tians were at the communion. Mr. Thompson reports thirteen new converts received by the church in Yedo, Japan. Dr. Nevius baptized an adult Chinese and five children at a place visited from Chefoo, China. Mr. McGilvary mentions the admission to the church at Chiengmai of a Laos convert, making fourteen adults baptized and five children within a year. Mr. Wherry speaks of a convert baptized at a place near Lodiana, India. Dr. Jessup mentions the admission of fifteen converts at Ain Zehalta, Syria. Mr. Houston reports five new communicants received at Cachoeira, Brazil. Mr. Weaver speaks of eight new communicants in Bogota.

TRANSFER OF A MISSION.—By an arrangement between the American Board and the Board, the Mission property of the former at Monterey, Mexico, has been transferred to the latter. The expense incurred in this measure, so far as the property is concerned, was provided for by funds specially given. Monterey is an important city in the north of Mexico, and known to many of our readers as the scene of Miss Rankin's work for many years. The church, school, and native assistants come now under the care of the Board, and Mr. Thomson has removed from Saltillo to Monterey, to take the general charge of these interests.

NEW CHURCHES ORGANIZED.—At Yedo two new churches have been organized in the city proper, each composed of members previously worshipping in the "concession," or district occupied chiefly by foreigners. The members of the new churches mostly live in the part of the city now occupied, several miles distant from their former place of worship. Great interest is felt in this new step in the work of the Mission.

UNION OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES.—In Japan the Scotch United Presbyterian, the Dutch Reformed, our Presbyterian missionaries, and the native Japanese churches under their care, respectively, have formed a union—the particulars of which will be found in our present number, and in the *Foreign Missionary* of this month. The subject is one of much interest and of some difficulty. It will be laid before our next General Assembly, and we suppose before the chief courts of the other churches. There is but one opinion as to the native Christians of the same faith and church order being in the same organization. This is every way desirable. It is also important that for the present, and until they are in some good degree self-supporting, they should be connected with the churches by which the missions are sustained.

An Error Corrected, in the Recent Intelligence of last month. The three Japanese who were ordained had all been connected with churches under the care of our missionaries, but two of them independent. They are all now connected with our Mission.

LETTERS RECEIVED TO DECEMBER 15TH.—From the Seneca Mission, November 21st; Chippewa, November 30th; Omaha, December 1st; Dakota, November 20th; Seminole, November 23d; Los Angeles, Decem-

ber 1st; Oakland, November 9th; Yokohama, November 16th; Yedo, November 17th; Chenanfu, September 11th; Tungchow, October 2d; Ningpo, October 6th; Hangchow, October 8th; Shanghai, October 23d; Canton, November 7th; Chiengmai, October 1st; Rawal Pindi, October 3d; Lahor, October 11th; Lodiana, November 8th; Ambala, November 8th; Sabathu, October 16th; Dehra, October 25th; Rurkhi, November 8th; Etawah, November 9th; Kolapore, October 22d; Ratnagiri, October 19th; Teheran, October 10th; Tabriz, October 23d; Oroomiah, October 17th; Beirut, November 14th; Abeih, November 14th; Monrovia, September 30th; Rio de Janeiro, November 10th; Rio Claro, October 24th; Cachoeira, November 6th; Valparaiso, October 31st; Bogota, November 5th; Mexico, November 10th; San Luis Potosi, November 4th; Monterey, November 21st. (Letters for Mr. Thompson at Monterey to be addressed to Brownsville, Texas.)

RECEIPTS: MAY 1ST TO DECEMBER 1ST.

	From churches.	Individual donors.	Legacies.	Total.
1876,.....	\$93,271.....	\$27,721.....	\$5,608.....	\$126,601
1877,.....	76,789.....	57,301.....	13,478.....	147,569

The *usual* receipts in these months of the current year are \$97,569, or \$29,032 *less* than in the same months of last year. After paying off the debt of last year, the special gift of \$50,000 left about \$7,000 available for the expenses of this year, which may be regarded as lessening the \$29,032 to that extent—leaving the year's income *short* by the sum of \$22,000.

The receipts from the "churches" and "individual donors," this year, the special gift deducted, and legacies omitted, are \$84,059; last year, \$120,992.

These figures, we trust, will be thoughtfully considered.

THE HIGHEST MOTIVES.

In our missionary work we can see that general knowledge, commercial interests, humanitarian advantages, and even national honor may all receive benefit from our labors. It would not be wrong for a religious man to keep in view these things as motives of action. Nor would it be wrong to feel a special interest in the conversion of our countrymen, or the Indians, or the Mexicans and the South Americans, because they are so near us; or of the Japanese, because they are so polished a people in their manners, and so progressive; or of the Chinese, because they are so stable in character and show such reverence for their parents and for the aged.

But when we consider the motives chiefly, almost solely, presented in the Gospel, we see at once that they are spiritual. Our blessed Lord was of Hebrew race and usage as to his human nature. The Apostle Paul was a Hebrew of the Hebrews. As we study their lives and labors, we see little that is purely national among the motives of their action, nothing that is commercial, hardly anything that is humanitarian—so-called, and of course nothing that savors of pride and caste. Even when

the Apostle spoke those words of dread meaning in the ninth of Romans, it was because of the spiritual necessities of the Hebrews, and not because they were the most influential or the most eminent race in the world. Nor do we ever find motives presented which are drawn from the greatness of the Roman people, or the learning and philosophy of the Greeks; nor from the probable future destiny of any of the nations, unless it were that as made up of individuals they were all of them, at that very day, in danger of eternal death, and they had then and there the offer of mercy through Christ Jesus.

We need not follow these thoughts here. As we enter on a new year of evangelizing work for our Lord, may it be from motives inspired by his Holy Spirit!

“THE WORK IS GREAT.”

So said King David, of the palace for the Lord God. So said Nehemiah, rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. So may we say of our missionary work for Christ Jesus.

If we think of the tribes and nations to be converted, as reached and influenced by our missions, there are the Indians, the Chinese in this country and especially in their own land, the Japanese, the Siamese and Laos, the Hindoos, the Persians, the Syrians, the Africans on the West coast, as connected with the large population of the interior, the people of three South American countries, and of Mexico, besides European Papal nations. No missionary Board has greater fields of labor. No branch of the church is brought into connection by its missions with greater numbers of the unevangelized. Let us remember that these large numbers—several hundred millions—are made up of men, women and children, each having his time in this world, each to live forever in woe or in blessedness.

We pray and hope for their conversion to Christ, and we are using means for this great end. But in so doing we cannot overlook the obstacles to be overcome. These also are great. We see arrayed against us Confucianism, Taouism, Buddhism, Brahmanism—all older than Christianity, Mohammedanism, Fetichism, and various forms of religion bearing the Christian name, but woefully corrupt in doctrine and practice. These and other religions sway the minds of vast multitudes, and stand in stern opposition to the pure religion of the gospel. With these false religions are closely connected hosts of priests, great material interests, national pride, social prestige, &c., all in full opposition to our work of missions. Deeper than all, underlying everything else indeed, is our poor human tendency to what is evil continually, as steady as the pressure of gravitation and as downward. To which must be added ignorance almost inconceivable, and apparently but not really irremovable. These are but faint outline views of the great mountains of difficulty.

Nor should we forget that if the unfulfilled work and its obstacles are very great, so on the other hand great progress has been made. By providence and by grace, especially of late years, truly wonderful advance

has been gained in the coming of Christ's kingdom. We need not enter into detailed statements here. Our readers know what countries have been entered by the messengers of the Church, what foundations have been laid, what languages have been learnt, what translations of the Bible have been made, what Gospel seed has been implanted, what churches have been gathered, what number of native converts have been ordained or licensed to preach the Gospel.

We are aiming at no exhaustive statement of the case; but we must not fail to remember whose cause we are trying to advance, whose promise assures us of its triumph, whose grace at once animates and rewards all our efforts to secure the coming of the kingdom, which is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

MONTHLY CONCERT COLLECTIONS.

Many churches in Europe and America in former years held a monthly meeting of prayer for the spread of the Gospel among the heathen. Usually a collection was then taken up in aid of this object. Changes have occurred, but to some extent both these usages are still maintained. Nobody can suppose that the cause of Foreign Missions receives too much support from these prayers and gifts. The proposal to divide the latter with some other object is one which would lessen the amount given according to the original purpose. And so far as our Church Boards are concerned, we should truly regret to lessen the receipts of any one of them.

Nevertheless, in some churches but one collection a month seems to be expedient. In such cases we would respectfully suggest that the benefits of it should not be restricted to the Boards of Foreign and of Home Missions, so-called; but should be extended to all the Boards engaged in our Domestic Missionary work. Why should not the cause of ministerial Education, the work of Colportage, and the work especially among the Freedmen receive such aid? The evangelizing of our colored people is now the most important, the most critical, and the most neglected part of the work of Domestic Missions in this country, and should be aided in every proper way. But we need not dwell on the merits of this suggestion. As to any division, and if any, then what part should be given to each object respectively, these are matters that can well be left to those to whom they appertain—the ministers, elders, and donors of charity of our churches; and we are glad that they have the charge of the subject.

UNEVANGELIZED INDIANS.

We refer to Indian tribes who have no missionaries from any evangelical church. Owing to the want of reported details in the case of some denominations, it is sometimes difficult to learn how the facts really stand; general statements as to Indian work in a conference, association, or presbytery, leave many particulars to be desired. But after making liberal allowance for defective information, we are surprised to find so many of these tribes still uncared for, still without any gospel instruction.

Omitting a large number of smaller tribes and bands, and referring only to some of the larger tribes, taking statistics of population from the Government Report of 1875, we may enumerate—in New Mexico and

Arizona, the Apaches, 9,248; Pimas and Maricopas, 4,300; Papagoes, 7,000; most of the Pueblos, including the Moquis, say 8,000 out of the 9,600; Navajoes, 10,000; in Nevada, Utah, and Colorado, Utes, Pah-Utes, Pi-Utes, 9,112; in Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, and Dakota, Shoshones, 5,145; Crows, 4,200; Blackfeet, &c., 7,200; Sioux, 50,000—most of whom are yet without missionaries; in Alaska, Innuits, 11,600; Aleuts, 2,581; Tinneh, 6,100; Tlinkets, 5,550. All of these Alaska Indians are unreached, excepting some at Fort Wrangel. Probably these Stibine River Indians, and also some other Alaska tribes could best be supplied with Christian teachers by the English Episcopal and Wesleyan Missions in the neighboring British possessions; but we should welcome any effort to give them the Gospel. In the Indian Territory there are tribes still destitute; and among the 19,600 Chippewas there are reservations not yet occupied by missionary agency. Even in tribes in which missionaries are doing much good, as among the Senecas, Creeks, Choctaws, Dakotas, &c., many of the Indians are still in deep ignorance of the way of salvation.

These are our heathen neighbors. They need our sympathy, our prayers, and our earnest efforts to give them the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour.

PRESBYTERIAL CHURCH ORGANIZATION IN JAPAN.

Certain papers were lately received from our missionaries in Japan, relating to a subject of much interest—the union of the Presbyterian churches in that country. These papers were considered by the Board, and then referred to a Committee. The Minute of this Committee was adopted and directed to be published. It is as follows:

In the paper transmitted to the General Assembly last Spring, in reference to the formation of Union Presbyteries in foreign lands, the Board expressed its opinion that “Missionary Presbyteries and Synods which hold the same faith and order should be encouraged to enter into common church relations with each other in any country in which the missions of more than one Presbyterian body are concerned.” [See this paper in the Appendix to the last *Annual Report* of the Board, pages 137–140.] It is with pleasure therefore that the Board hears of such a union having been effected by the three Missions in Japan under the care respectively, of the Reformed Church in America, the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland, and the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

Much zeal and painstaking have been manifested by all concerned, to secure in the new organization the distinctive faith and order recognized by Presbyterian bodies; and entire harmony, brotherly love and forbearance have been evinced throughout the preliminary proceedings, and in the meeting which finally consummated the union. It is a great satisfaction that without any jar a church of Christ of the Presbyterian order has been established in the empire of Japan—and the Board welcomes most heartily the laborers in these our sister denominations of the Reformed Church and of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland, in their co-operation with our own brethren in this common work.

Difficulties stand in the way of forming any scheme for such a union, perfectly free from all embarrassment, where the foreign members still hold close relations with their own churches in other lands. Hence the Board forbears criticism on some points which it thinks might have been

possibly more judiciously arranged; and expresses the hope that God's good providence may forestall any dangers that threaten the new enterprise, and that future experience may suggest methods for obviating any complications that might arise. Its very concern, however, for the entire success of the movement leads the Board to make the following suggestions in the way of recommendation to the three contracting missions, as points which it is very desirable to have incorporated, if possible, into the Constitution of the Union church.

1. That the foreign members should be admitted to the Chiukuwai or Presbytery, not as missionaries but as ministers or elders. This seems to be due to the Presbyterian system, and indeed to the proper status of the foreign members in the new body. The difficulties lying against this feature, have indeed been named, viz: that some of the members could not at present be regularly dismissed from their ecclesiastical connections at home; and that some of the missionaries are neither ministers nor elders, and hence could not belong to the Presbytery under this rule. But so essentially Presbyterian is it that the members of the Presbytery or Classis should be such, not on the ground of their employment, but of their office, that we judge it important for the successful working of the scheme, that this point should be established.

2. This change having been adopted, it should be duly understood, secondly, that all the rights of these foreign members in their churches at home shall be preserved; and in order to this that they shall possess the constitutional right in all cases affecting their personal character or their ministerial standing, to appeal to their own churches at home. Under the circumstances in which churches are formed in heathen lands, the Board judges that this point may prove in the future to be of the greatest importance to our missionaries.

3. Inasmuch as all the churches formed, will, for a time at least, be supported by the church in America and in Scotland, it seems very proper that the constitution of the Union church should provide some recognition of their connection with the churches in these countries; 1st. by the Union Presbytery being so related to these churches that needful supervision may be exercised over the ministers and churches supported by their several Missionary Boards; 2dly. by their presenting yearly to the General Synod of the Reformed Church, and to the General Assemblies of the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland and the Presbyterian Church in our own land, a list of the churches connected with each of these missions respectively, accompanied with the statistics in reference to the same; and 3rdly, on the other hand, by the Union Presbytery being entitled to representation in the chief judicatory of each body, so far respectively as the ministers and churches connected with each body are concerned.

The Board also takes notice that at the first meeting of the Union Presbytery persons were ordained as Evangelists simply. This is indeed not without precedent in our own church. The spirit of Presbyterianism, however, has always been to ordain only in reference to a particular charge. The Board therefore advises, that hereafter, except in rare cases, (of whose necessity the Presbytery can judge,) men be ordained only as pastors of particular churches; with the understanding that the church shall pay a certain proportion of the pastor's salary such as it may be able to do; and shall secure for a corresponding proportion of time in the year the pastor's services; the Board meantime supplementing the salary for the rest of the year, and the pastor being under the direction of the

mission for that time, to perform such work as to the mission may seem desirable. This plan has been tried in the Presbytery of Ningpo and has worked exceedingly well.

Finally, as the Board has no ecclesiastical jurisdiction, it can only, in this purely ecclesiastical question, offer the above as suggestions. And it refers the whole matter to the next meeting of the General Assembly, together with the paper on the general subject already laid before the Assembly at its meeting last May. Meantime, for the information of the public as to the proceedings held in Japan, the records of the first meeting of the Union Presbytery by the Rev. O. M. Green, Clerk, to prepare the minutes in English, are herewith subjoined. The reader is also referred to a historical account of the Union prepared at the request of the Mission by the Rev. William Imbrie of Tokio, published in the January number of the *Foreign Missionary*.

Minutes of the Japanese Classis or Presbytery.

YOKOHAMA, October 3, 1877.

The members of the Missions of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches of the U. S. A., and of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland, in Japan, together with a representative from each of the native churches connected with these three Missions, met, agreeably to appointment in the church at No. 167, and proceeded to organize the Chiukuwai of the Union Church of Christ in Japan. The Rev. David Thompson was elected Gicho, and Mr. Takahashi, Clerk. The meeting was opened with devotional exercises and a sermon by Mr. Thompson, on Acts ix. 31, "Then had the churches rest throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied." The clerk made out and called the roll of the three Missions and of the representatives of the native churches.

Members present: Rev. Mr. Ammerman, Rev. J. H. Ballagh, Mr. J. C. Ballagh, Rev. Mr. Davidson, Dr. Faulds, Rev. A. M. Green, Dr. Hepburn, Rev. Wm. Imbrie, Rev. Mr. Maclaren, Rev. E. Miller, Rev. D. Thompson, Rev. Mr. Waddell, Mr. Kumano, Mr. Kitahara, Mr. Takahashi, Mr. Minagaki, Mr. Muto, Mr. Inagaki, Mr. Sudzuki, Mr. Miyajima. The Rev. Dr. Maclay of the Methodist Church, and the Revs. D. C. Greene and L. H. Gulick, M.D., of the Congregational Church, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members. Rev. O. M. Green was elected clerk to keep the record in English. On motion of Rev. Mr. Ballagh,

Resolved: That the minutes written in Japanese be regarded as the original and authentic record.

The Rules of Government of the Union Church of Christ in Japan having been received by the different bodies previously, on motion of Mr. Miller,

Resolved: That the Rules and Government of the Union Church of Christ in Japan be received and adopted by this body. On motion

Resolved: That this Chiukuwai receive and adopt as its own acts all the former acts and resolutions of the Union Church of Christ in Japan, the Presbytery of Japan, and the Mission of the Union Presbyterian Church in Japan.

The Gicho having called for the unfinished business of the former several bodies, it was stated that three persons had completed their preliminary examinations and were ready to be ordained, one other had already received licensure, and about twenty-five young men are prosecuting their studies with a view to receiving licensure from this body.

On motion, *Resolved*: That if any one request it, all motions must be reduced to writing in both English and Japanese before being read by the clerk.

Resolved: That all discussions in English must be translated into Japanese, and all discussions in Japanese, if requested, must be translated into English.

The Gicho stated the order of business for the afternoon session. On motion the meeting adjourned till 2.30 P. M., with the benediction by the Gicho.

Afternoon session at 2.30 P. M. The meeting came to order according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by Mr. Takahashi.

Reports from churches connected with this body were given by their representatives in the following order, viz: the church at No. 167 Yokohama, Mr. Kumano; Shinsakaibashi church, Tokio, Mr. Kitahara; church at No. 6 Sukiji, Mr. Takahashi; Sumiyoshicho church, Yokohama, Mr. Minagaki; Hoden, Mr. Muto; Uyeda, Mr. Magaki; Shinagawa, Mr. Sudzuki; Omori, Mr. Miyajima. The church at Nagasaki was not represented. The number of members reported is 623; students for the ministry 25. Monthly collections are taken in every church. Besides the churches and chapels where service is held once or twice on Sabbath, there are several preaching stations connected with each church.

Mr. Toda, at the request of the Gicho led the meeting in prayer for the blessing of God on all the churches.

The Chiukuwai then proceeded to the solemn service of ordaining Okuno Masatsuna, Ogawa Yoshi Yasu, and Toda Tadaato to the ministry of the Gospel. The Gicho proposed to the candidates the constitutional questions, and they were ordained by the laying on of the hands by the brethren and prayer by the Gicho. The Rev. J. H. Ballagh delivered the charge.

The Rev. Bishop Wiley, of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the U. S. A., being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The permission of the Chiukuwai to organize churches in several places having been asked, it was on motion of Rev. Mr. Ballagh,

Resolved: That leave be granted to organize churches in the several places mentioned by the petitioners.

Resolved: That a Committee on Church Organization be appointed.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

Resolved: That a committee of six be appointed by the Gicho.

Revs. Messrs. Ballagh, Thompson, Waddell, Davidson, and Elders Kumano and Takahashi were appointed.

On motion of Mr. Kumano,

Resolved: That the Chiukuwai meet on the first Wednesday of April and October. The next meeting was appointed to be held in the Shinsakaibashi church, Tokio, April 2nd, 1878.

The Gicho gave notice of a meeting for prayer and addresses, to be held at half-past seven in the evening.

The Chiukuwai then adjourned, with the benediction by Mr. Okuno.

O. M. GREEN, *Clerk*.

GROWING WORK IN YEDO, JAPAN.

We insert here an extract from a letter of the Rev. David Thompson, dated October 12, 1877, which gives an interesting view of the church under his care, and the general work of the mission. Letters from the mis-

sion of later date report that new places in the great city have since been occupied by organizing two new churches, and the Board has given its consent to the transfer of funds, which had been appropriated to build a church in the foreign district of the city, so as to aid in building two or three chapels in the city proper or its vicinity. What is mentioned of the need of funds to support native helpers and students is of much interest. We trust the Board may be enabled to comply with this request.

I must say of this church that the yearly report to be sent you at the close of this year will show that it has, by the blessing of God, grown more during the last twelve months than in any former time of the same duration. In addition to raising ten or twelve dollars a month to pay the ground rent and other expenses, the church has raised the sum of \$580 to repair and enlarge the church building. The building has now cost \$1,500, is large and comfortable, and will easily seat 360 hearers without crowding. But few of the members live in the vicinity; most come from quarters of the city four or five miles away on foot every Sabbath. Some who thus come are old and feeble. It has therefore been our desire to organize churches at these distant points. Eighteen families live near Arakusa in the northeast part of the city. Here we have a house worth \$130, which we use as a preaching station. Thirty-five of our members live in a part of the city called Wshigome, west of us. Ten or twelve live in a distant part of the city called Hongo. All these places are widely separated from each other and from Mr. Green's stations at Shiba and Shimagawa.

Now it is very desirable to organize churches at these points at once, and not only so but to build small buildings in which foreigners . . . may preach without coming home at night with a cold and headache due to low ceilings, draughts of cold air, cold feet, and all the evils we incur by preaching in Japanese houses in winter. We should, in my opinion, permanently occupy all these points at once. Missionaries who have come to Tokio within the last four or five years have gone and located their stations in some instances in the vicinity of our inconspicuous preaching places previously established, and then when they became aware of our presence have raised the charge of ministerial discourtesy in invading their territory. But there are higher ends to be attained by pursuing the course I advocate than merely the repelling of such a charge. The members who would be set off from the church of Tsukiji to form these new organizations, would no doubt do what they can to build good preaching places, but having all just contributed to the extent of their ability to repair and enlarge the church which they leave, they might not be able or willing to do as much or do it as soon as others might do under more favorable circumstances. We would therefore be grateful for any help you could give us in this emergency.

RECEIPTS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS IN NOVEMBER 1877.

ALBANY.—*Albany*—2d ch Saratogo Springs 23 09, Sab-sch 9 90=32 99. *Troy*—Mt Ida Memorial Sab-sch 10 25 43 24

ATLANTIC.—*Catawba*—Concord Colored Sab-sch 5 00

BALTIMORE.—*Baltimore*—Chestnut Grove ch 18; Havre de Grace Sab-sch 10. *New Castle*—Lower Brandywine Sab-sch 23 06; Drawer's ch, Odessa 10; Wilmington Mission Sab-sch, sp 6 67 06

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Syracuse*—Cazenovia ch Sab-sch, sp 40; 4th ch Syracuse 25; Amby ch 14; 1st ch Oswego 7 34; 1st Ward ch Syracuse 3 38 89 72

CINCINNATI.—*Chillicothe*—North Fork ch 47. *Cincinnati*—5th ch Sab-sch Cincinnati, sp 25; 1st Ger ch Cincinnati 20; Cheviott Ger ch 5. *Dayton*—1st ch Sab-sch Dayton 120 217 00

CLEVELAND.—*Cleveland*—1st ch Cleveland 317 76; Euclid Ave ch, Cleveland 111. *Mahoning*—1st ch Youngstown 25 84. *St. Clairsville*—Crab Apple Sab-sch 22 31, Maggie Campbell, dec'd 69 cts=23; Short Creek ch 19; Rock Hill ch 18; Senecaville ch 9 60; Scotch Ridge ch 3 70. *Steubenville*—Yellow Creek ch 11 50, Sab-sch 12 50=24 551 90

COLUMBUS.—*Athens*—Warren ch 5. *Zanes-*

vile—Norwich ch, George Miller 15; Bakersville ch 10; Roseville ch 6 46; Uniontown ch 3 13; Unity ch 2 83; New Lexington ch 1 37
43 39

ERIE.—*Allegheny*—Providence ch, Miss Maxwell 30; Bridgewater ch 14 25. *Erie*—Evansburgh ch 8. *Kittanning*—West Lebanon ch 40 Mt Pleasant ch 4 15. *Shenango*—2d ch Sab-sch New Castle 16 50; Slippery Rock Sab-sch 16 128 90

GENEVA.—*Cayuga*—Aurora ch 18 50. *Che-mung*—1st ch Elmira 37. *Geneva*—1st ch Geneva 17 42; Seneca Castle ch 12 *Lyons*—Palmira ch 87 53. *Steuben*—Pultney ch 5 177 45

HARRISBURGH.—*Carlisle*—Lower Path Valley ch 32, a member 10=42; Burnt Cabins ch 8. *Northumberland*—Lycoming ch 35 30, Sab-sch 40 75 30; Jersey Shore ch 73 13; 2d ch Williamsport 27 70. *Wellsboro*—Kane ch 2 228 13

ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—*Bloomington*—Chatsworth ch 10; Towanda Sab-sch 5. *Peoria*—1st ch Peoria, W R R 16 05. *Schuyler*—1st ch Quincy 71 55; Camp Point ch 6 45. *Springfield*—Irish Grove ch 25 134 05

ILLINOIS, NORTH.—*Chicago*—1st ch Chicago 150; 5th ch Chicago 103 09; Lake Forest ch, Samuel D Ward 50; Ger Mission Sab-sch, Chicago 13 45; Jefferson Park ch 5 66. *Freeport*—1st ch Marengo 33. *Ottawa*—Oswego ch 5 20. *Rock River*—Peniel Sab-sch 20; Garden Plains ch 12 50. Millersburgh ch 10 25 403 15

ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—*Alton*—Virden ch 10 71. *Mattoon*—Pana ch 3 05 13 76

INDIANA, NORTH.—*Crawfordsville*—Centre ch 10; Elizaville ch 4. *Fort Wayne*—Osian Sab-sch 20. *Loansport*—Valparaiso ch 12 47. *Muncie*—Wabash ch 10 78 57 25

INDIANA, SOUTH.—*Indianapolis*—2d ch Indianapolis 150; Danville ch 15; 6th ch Indianapolis 10; New Pisgah Sab-sch 2 25. *New Albany*—1st ch Sab-sch Madison 14. *Vincennes*—Vincennes Infant sch 2. *White Water*—Connersville Ger Sab-sch 3 196 25

IOWA, NORTH.—*Cedar Rapids*—Wheatland Sab sch 1, Cash 1 50=2 50. *Fort Dodge*—Cherokee ch 4 6 50

IOWA, SOUTH.—*Council Bluffs*—1st ch Sab-sch Corning 4 65. *Des Moines*—Corydon ch 2. *Iowa*—Ger ch Mt Pleasant 12 14, Sab-sch 2 86=15. *Iowa City*—Brooklyn ch 46. 67 65

KANSAS.—*Austin*—1st ch Austin (Texas) 37 15; Brenham ch 17 64 15

KENTUCKY.—*Louisville*—2d ch Bowling Green 5 00

LONG ISLAND.—*Brooklyn*—Clinton St ch 55 81; 1st ch Edgewater 5 83, Sab-sch 50=55 83; Throop Ave ch 44 06; South 3d St ch Williamsburgh 29 60; Franklin Ave ch Sab-sch, sp 25 210 30

MICHIGAN.—*Detroit*—Fort St ch Sab-sch Detroit, sp 160; South Lyons ch, Dr Cyrus Wells 10; Birmingham ch 6 87. *Grand Rapids*—1st ch Ionia 58 50; Clam Lake ch 13. *Kalamazoo*—1st ch Kalamazoo, sp 80. *Monroe*—1st ch Monroe 47 43; 1st ch Raisin 11 38. *Saginaw*—1st ch Pine River 33 53; 2d ch Pine River 4. Vassar Sab-sch 1 42 426 13

MINNESOTA.—*St Paul*—Oak Grove Sab-sch 11, Bloomington Ferry Sab-sch 3=14. *Winnona*—Greenleafton ch 2 60 16 50

MISSOURI.—*Platte*—Mirabile ch 2. *St Louis*—Salem Ger ch, Edward Ahrens 2 50 4 50

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Roselle ch 9 62, Sab-sch 9 18=18 80. *Jersey City*—Englewood ch 606 85; Tenafly ch 12 21; 2d ch Jersey City 12; 1st ch Rutherford Park 7 52; Westminster ch, Mrs I Fisher 2. *Monmouth*—Burlington ch 65; Manalapan ch 30; Farmingdale ch 15; Manchester ch 5 74, Gerie Phillips birthday gift 1=5 74. *Morris and Orange*—South St ch Morristown 72 16; South Orange ch 96; Succasunna ch 35 50; Ger ch Morristown 3 50. *Newark*—Roseville ch 174 09; Park ch 16 29;

Caldwell ch, a member 2. *New Brunswick*—Swockton ch 10. *Newton*—Blairstown ch 75; Branchville ch, Band of Willing Workers 25; Yellow Frame ch 12 74; 2d ch Phillipsburgh 5; Roxburgh Sab-sch 4 91. *West Jersey*—Clayton Sab-sch 14 1967 31

NEW YORK.—*Boston*—2d ch Sab-sch, Newburyport 105. *Hudson*—1st ch Washingtonville 25; Hamptonburgh Sab-sch 18; 2d ch Middletown 14 71; Port Jervis Sab-sch, sp 10; Otisville ch 3; Ridgebury ch 2 14. *New York*—1st ch New York 7439 25; Brick ch Chapel 12 50; Washington Heights ch 5 59. *North River*—1st ch Newburgh 176, Sab-sch 64=240; Calvary ch, Newburgh 12 55; Cornwall on Hudson ch Sab-sch 9. *Westchester*—Sing Sing ch 250; 1st ch Hartford 100; Port Cheshire ch 10 8256 74

PHILADELPHIA.—*Chester*—Wayne ch 70; New London ch 35 *Lackawanna*—1st ch Scranton, Juvenile Missionary Society, sp 256. *Philadelphia*—9th ch, Bequest of Matilda Watson, dec'd 190; Walnut Stch Infant Class 25; 2d ch, E O 5. *Philadelphia Central*—Cooksink ch Sab sch 50. *Philadelphia North*—Ann Carmichael ch 10 27. *Westminster*—Slateville ch 2, Sab-sch 27, Jimmie and Willie 50 cts=29 50 670 77

PITTSBURGH.—*Pittsburgh*—Bethel ch 79; East Liberty ch 38; Bridgeville ch 20 25; Shady Side ch 18 76. *Bridstone*—Long Run ch 16 50. *Washington*—Upper Buffalo Sab-sch 6 21 178 72

TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Bucyrus ch 15 37; 1st ch Bellefontaine 12 02; Rushsylvania ch 3 95; 1st ch West Liberty 3 78; Spring Hills ch 3 33. *Huron*—Fremont ch 22. *Lima*—1st ch Findley 35 25; Blanchard ch 5. *Maumee*—Mt Salem Sab-sch 3 103 70

WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Buffalo*—1st ch Westfield 100; Central ch Buffalo, Miss Warner 50; Calvary ch, Buffalo 6 15. *Genesee Valley*—Portville ch 40 *Niagara*—1st ch Niagara Falls 68 69. *Rochester*—St Pe'er's ch, Rochester 97 30; Central ch Rochester 72; Sweden ch 19; Ogden ch 18 23; Lima ch 5 92; Union Corners ch 25 cts, Rev W C Gaylord 50 cts=75 cts 478 09

WISCONSIN.—*Chippewa*—Neillsville ch 9. *Wisconsin River*—1st ch Madison 20; Lodi ch 16 80 45 80

Woman's Foreign Mission Soc'y, Philadelphia 3,314 68; Ladies' Bd of Missions, N Y 2,735 91; Woman's Bd of Missions, North-west 828 14; Woman's Foreign Missionary Soc'y, Troy branch 270 24; Woman's Foreign Missy Soc'y, Albany branch 35 7,183 97

Total amount received from churches in November 1877, \$22,032 48

LEGACIES.—Legacy of Sarah Patterson, dec'd, Philadelphia 930 80; Estate of O M Hoggland, dec'd, Ill 50 960 80

MISCELLANEOUS.—Rev C H Grubert, Orange, N J 1; Mrs A Hall, Sturgis, Mich 5; Jennie Louisa Edwards, dec'd, dying gift, sp 1; A W Kilbourne, Esq, Orange Valley, N J 100; "Talks to my Bible class" 5; C, Ohio 25 90; Minnah 732 11; "W," of Iowa 50; From a fund left by Thomas Cope, dec'd, Philadelphia, per S D Powell, Att'y 15; Rev E L Warren, Louisville, Ky 2; John Johnson, Esq, Ashland, Ohio 290; A McNeil, Union Co, Ohio 10; D O C and family 10; Foreign Missionary Soc'y of Sem'y of North-west 8; Mary Vase, Glendale, Ohio 10; Pittsburgh 3; A McCalla 25; Vial Thomas, Angelica, N Y 10; Miss H R Star, weather, Penn Yan, N Y, sp 50; Julia L Yergin, dec'd 30; Orthniel Yergin, per L M 30 1,548 01

Total Am't rec'd in November, 1877, \$24,561 29
Amount rec'd from May 1st, 1877, \$147,569 38

Total receipts for Sabbath-schools in November, 1877, 1,284 64

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OUR MISSIONARY FUND.

HELP GREATLY NEEDED.

The contributions to the Missionary Fund of the Board of Publication, from churches, Sabbath-schools, legacies and individuals, for the first eight months of the fiscal year, viz: from April 1 to December 1, 1877, have amounted to \$23,196.19, against \$19,040.79 for the same months of last year; being an increase of \$4,155.40. But such has been the pressure of the demand for the Board's missionary work, especially in the great Western fields, and such the urgency of the many applications for donations of the Board's publications, that there was, Dec. 1st, a balance against the fund of \$10,123.61.

We state this in order to show to all who take an interest in the important missionary work of this Board, the pressing need there is of coming to our help with speedy and generous contributions.

To-day we have before us earnest and touching appeals from wide missionary fields to send to people who are hungry and even starving for religious truth, supplies of our books and tracts that they may learn therefrom the way of life.

To-day there is a number of well-qualified men, men highly recommended by various Presbyteries, for the Book, Tract and Sabbath-school Missionary work of the Board, and who are willing and waiting to enter upon it.

To-day we have urgent requests from Mission and needy Sabbath-schools, from Home and Foreign Missionaries, from Freedmen's churches and schools, and from a great variety of other sources, for donations of the Board's books, tracts and papers. Many of these importune us with an earnestness which will not be denied.

But the debt of our Missionary Fund must not be increased. We are compelled to say "No," when we long to say Yes. Until enough con-

tributions come in to put the Fund in better condition, we can give next to nothing in the shape of donations. We can appoint no new Book, Tract and Sabbath-school missionaries. Our work must be restricted and hindered in every part of the land.

Will not those who read these lines, give us, from love to souls and to Christ's kingdom, their generous help?

RECEIPTS FOR MISSION WORK OF BOARD OF PUBLICATION IN NOV. 1877.

☞ Synods in SMALL CAPITALS—Presbyteries in *italics*—Churches in Roman.

ALBANY.—*Albany*—Corinth 1 03; Rockwell Falls 2 07; Saratoga Springs 2d ch (of which Sab-sch 1 25, 4 16. *Troy*—Troy, Westminster 3 10 26

BALTIMORE.—*Baltimore*—Baltimore, Brown Memorial 59 24. *New Castle*—Wilmington 1st 8 84 68 08

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Syracuse*—Syracuse, 1st Ward 9 cts. *Utica*—Utica, Westminster 25 25 09

CINCINNATI.—*Cincinnati*—Cheviot 1st, Ger 2 00

CLEVELAND.—*Cleveland*—Cleveland 1st 40 08; Cleveland, Euclid Ave. 14. *Mahoning*—Poland 10. *St Clairsville*—Scotch Ridge 46 cts. *Steubenville*—Buchanan Chapel Sab-sch 25; Centre Unity 1; Madison 2 42; New Hagerstown 15 61; Yellow Creek 10 118 57

COLUMBUS.—*Wooster*—Loudonville 5. *Zanesville*—Linton 2 25; New Lexington 1 11; Roseville 1; Uniontown 1; Unity 2; Zanesville 2d 12 25 36

ERIE.—*Allegheny*—Sharpsburgh 16. *Butler*—Summit 3. *Erie*—Oil City 1st 36 23 55 23

GENEVA.—*Cayuga*—Auburn Central 13 26. *Chemung*—Elumira 1st 4 67; Mead's Creek 25. *Lyons*—Palmyra 26 27 69 20

HARRISBURGH.—*Huntingdon*—Milroy 5 35. *Northumberland*—Williamsport 2d 3 03 8 38

ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—*Peoria*—Brunswick 3 40; Salem 3 60. *Schuyler*—Rushville 2 08 9 08

ILLINOIS, NORTH.—*Chicago*—Peotone 9 3. *Rock River*—Peniel 6 25 9 25

ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—*Alton*—Virden 97 cents. *Mattoon*—Pana 39 cents 1 36

INDIANA, NORTH.—*Fort Wayne*—Ossian 2 80. *Muncie*—Wabash 1 17 3 97

INDIANA, SOUTH.—*Indianapolis*—Hopewell 5; Indianapolis 11th 1. *New Albany*—Madison 1st 6 65 12 85

KANSAS.—*Emporia*—Emporia ch Sab-sch, Miss Clark's class 1 60. *Neosho*—Cherokee 1; Monmouth 1; Pleasant View 1 4 60

LONG ISLAND.—*Long Island*—Southampton ch from Water Mills Sab-sch 19 60; Southold 12 31 60

MICHIGAN.—*Grand Rapids*—Chippewa ch Sab-sch 1 57; Ionia 31 52 57

MINNESOTA.—*St Paul*—Stillwater 1st 2 70

MISSOURI.—*Ozark*—Joplin 2. *Platte*—Chillicothe 5 7 00

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Perth Amboy 9 25; Roselle 1st ch (of which Sab-sch 1 16) 2 37; Westfield 13. *Jersey City*—Tenafly 1 54. *Monmouth*—Burlington 21 28; Hightstown 20. *Morris and Orange*—Chatham 13 25; Hanover 30. *Newark*—Newark Park 2 05. *New Brunswick*—Pennington 32 91; Stockton 2 50; Trenton 1st ch Sab-sch 30. *Newton*—Yellow Frame 1 27. *West Jersey*—Blackwoodtown 20 199 42

NEW YORK.—*Hudson*—Middletown 2d 1 85. *New York*—New York, Thirteenth St ch Sab-sch Missy's Asso'n 250; New York, West 74 23.

North River—Cornwall 15. *Westchester*—Port Chester 5 346 08

PHILADELPHIA.—*Lackawanna*—Wilkesbarre 1st 74 66. *Lehigh*—Hazleton 11 27. *Philadelphia*—Philadelphia, Westminster 21; Philadelphia, West Spruce St ch 248 80, and add'l from G S Benson, Esq 10=258 80. *Philadelphia Central*—Philadelphia, Northern Liberties 1s. 25. *Philadelphia North*—Neshaminy, Warminster 8 75 399 48

PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—Ligonier and Pleasant Grove 7; Livermore 7. *Pittsburgh*—East Liberty 7; Pittsburgh, Shady Side 3 75. *Redstone*—Dunbar 6 20; Jefferson 1 50. *Washington*—Hookstown 3 30; Mill Creek 5; Mount Olivet 5 45 75

TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Bellefontaine 1 51; Buck Creek 10; Bucyrus 1 93; Spring Hills 42 cts; West Liberty 47 cts. *Huron*—Fremont 5. *Maumee*—Toledo 1st, Ger 1 20 33

WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Buffalo*—Westfield 5. *Niagara*—Holley 11 80. *Rochester*—Lima 75 cts; Ogden 2 31 19 86

WISCONSIN.—*Chippewa*—La Crosse 1st ch (of which Sab-sch 1 15) 8 15. *Milwaukee*—Manitowoc 1st 5 13 15

From churches, \$1,541 22

LEGACIES.—Legacy of Mrs Rachel Heck, dec'd, late of Cumberland Co, Md, less coll int tax 273 28; Bequest of Eliza Handshaw, dec'd, (Dividend) 5 278 28

MISCELLANEOUS.—"C," Ohio 3 28; Mrs Win Drummond, Stone Bank, Wis 25 cts; Anonymous, Bridgeton, N J 1; Sunday-school at Arkansas City, Kan 4 45; David A Jewell, Mich 10; Essie Scofield, 1; "A Friend," Chicago, 111 5 29 08

Total receipts in November, \$1,848 58

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BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION.

For some months past the calls for aid in church building that have come to us with the strong endorsement of the several Presbyteries, have very far exceeded our receipts, hence the surplus funds with which we commenced the year have been exhausted. We can now go no further in the way of making appropriations than our monthly receipts will justify. There is a strenuous effort being made in some portions of our church to pay off debts that have been contracted by the erection of costly houses of worship. In these efforts, large drafts have been made upon our treasury by churches and Presbyteries, that for years have given little or nothing to help the Board in its efforts to succor the poor and shelter the homeless. But where would be the gain, if by an attempt to liquidate these debts, we should swamp the Board and fail to meet our engagements to those weak churches that are struggling to secure a humble uncostly shelter from the winter's storm?

If the churches that *might, but do not*, would send us the means, we should be glad to help all the needy. But while so many of the churches that are able to give, and many that have themselves received aid from the Board in former years, refuse to contribute to this fund, they must not think it strange if the Board has to decline their application, on behalf of others. We can only give as we receive.

INCREASE OF DEMAND.

As our beloved church is being extended in so many portions of our fair land, the necessity for church building is rapidly increasing. Take the State of Kansas as a sample. Whilst, within a few years nearly one hundred houses of worship have been built, there remain not less than one hundred organized churches without shelter. So long as they remain so, they must continue *absorbing* and not contributing churches. To enable these to secure very plain and inexpensive buildings, would require at the least \$200,000. Suppose these churches able to raise two-thirds of this amount, it would leave \$66,666 to be furnished by the Board. The entire receipts of the Board of Church Erection, from the churches since April 1st, is \$33,300, not half enough to meet the wants of Kansas alone, and yet with all its importance, how small a portion of the vast field of labor is Kansas? This may serve to show the utter inadequacy of the means furnished by the churches to enable the Board to accomplish the great work committed to it by the General Assembly.

Then again—the *meagreness* of many of the collections that are sent, shows the want of proper appreciation of this great cause. The contribution of \$2, from a church of 150 or 200 members, or perhaps \$3 from a church that received \$800 from the Board a few years ago, and that now numbers 180 members, and gives its pastor \$1,200 salary, is not “rendering unto the Lord according to the benefits.” Had this rate of giving

prevailed in the time of David and Solomon, the temple had never been built. May the same spirit of consecration that then prevailed, be poured out upon God's people now, then shall the walls of our Jerusalem be built, and the mountain of the Lord's house be established upon the very tops of the mountains as well as through all these beautiful valleys.

A pastor of one of our most flourishing churches in Ohio, writes thus: "Allow me to thank you for the patient toil you are bestowing upon this great work. In a very important sense, 'the burden of the churches' is upon you, especially of those churches that cannot bear their own burdens. May the Lord grant you a double portion of his Spirit to sustain you in your work. Count me always among your friends and at your service in any way that I can further this great cause?" I need hardly add, this brother's church does not send us any *one dollar collections*.

RECEIPTS FOR CHURCH ERECTION IN NOVEMBER 1877.

ALBANY.—*Albany*—Corinth 1 04; Rockwell Falls 2 06; Saratoga Springs 2d 5 77; Saratoga Springs 2d Sab.sch 2 48. *Troy*—Sandy Hill 4 41.

BALTIMORE.—*Washington City*—Washington 6th Ladies' Mite Society) 30.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Syracuse*—Baldwinsville 10; Syracuse 1st Ward 29 cents. *Utica*—*Utica*, Westminster 20.

CINCINNATI.—*Chillicothe*—Mona 5. *Cincinnati*—Bethel 2; Cheviot German 3; Cincinnati, Lane Seminary 63 25; Loveland 13 32; Pleasant Ridge 4 90.

CLEVELAND.—*Cleveland*—Cleveland 1st 11 56; Cleveland, Euclid st 27 75. *Mahoning*—Poland 8. *St Clairsville*—Scotch Ridge 93 cts. *Steubenville*—Centre Unity 3; Harlem Springs 13 70; Madison 2; Still Fork 3 15; Yellow 10.

COLUMBUS.—*Athens*—Middleport 4 27. *Columbus*—Blenden 6 55. *Marion*—Marysville 4; *Wooster*—Londonville 5. *Zanesville*—Bakersville 2 78; New Lexington 1 43; Roseville 4 61; Uniontown 1 54; Unity 3 25; Zanesville 13.

ERIE.—*Allegheny*—Allegheny 1st, sp 49 82; Sharpesburgh 32. *Butler*—Amity 8; Middlesex 11; Summit 4. *Kittanning*—Kittanning 1st 55; Rayne 1 71; Worthington, add'l 50 cts. *Shenango*—Mt Pleasant 10.

GENEVA.—*Chemung*—Elmira 1st, add'l 9 25; Havana 3; Watkins 13. *Steuben*—Jasper 1st 7 90.

HARRISBURGH.—*Carlisle*—Mechanicsburgh 11 19. *Huntingdon*—Milroy 9 72; Penfield 5. *Northumberland*—Lycoming 15; Williamsport 2d 7 85.

ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—*Bloomington*—Lexington 6 70. *Peoria*—Brunswick 2 25; Lewistown 36 43; Salem 7 50; Salem Sab.sch 1 25; Washington 8. *Schuyler*—Clayton 1st 3; Macomb 14; Rushville 3 40.

ILLINOIS, NORTH.—*Ottawa*—Gardner, sp 3; Morris, sp 28; White Rock, sp 6.

ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—*Alton*—Viriden, add'l 1 93. *Mattoon*—Pana 76 cts.

INDIANA, NORTH.—*Fort Wayne*—Ossian 1 46. *Logansport*—Bourbon 6. *Muncie*—Hopewell 3; Muncie 8 46; Noblesville 4; Wabash 2 31.

INDIANA, SOUTH.—*Indianapolis*—Indianapolis 2d 25.

IOWA, NORTH.—*Cedar Rapids*—Richland 5 60. *Dubuque*—Dubuque 1st 16 40.

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KANSAS.—*Austin*—Austin 1st 20. *Emporia*—Florence 5 50.

LONG ISLAND.—*Brooklyn*—Brooklyn 1st, Henry st, in part 253 34

MISSOURI.—*Osage*—Butler 1st 4. *P Imyra*—Unionville 1st 2 70. *Platte*—Breckenridge 5 95; Hamilton 6 60; Mirable 2; New York Settlement 6. *St Louis*—St Louis 2d German 2 25.

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Elizabeth, Westminster 50; Roselle 1st 2 41; Roselle 1st Sab.sch 2 29. *Jersey City*—Paterson 1st, sp 150; Paterson 2d, sp 150; Tenafly 3 05. *Monmouth*—Hightstown 15. *Morris and Orange*—Hanover 1st 30; Mine Hill 1; Orange 2d 37 50; Parsippany 14 50. *Newark*—Newark, Park 4 07. *New Brunswick*—Frenchtown 10 14; Stockton 4; Trenton 4th 56 25. *Newton*—Yellow Frame 2 52. *West Jersey*—Blackwoodstown 30.

NEW YORK.—*Hudson*—Middletown 2d 3 68. *New York*—New York 1st 5,425 09. *Westchester*—Stamord 1st 25.

PHILADELPHIA.—*Chester*—Avondale 11; Charlestown, sp 5 83; East Whitland, sp 5 69; Forks of Brandywine, sp 13; New London 15; Waynesburgh 16 50. *Lackawanna*—Langcliff 3; Scranton 1st 101; Wilkesbarre 1st, sp 80. *Lehigh*—Hazleton 18 80. *Philadelphia Central*—Philadelphia, West Arch st 40 90.

PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—Greensburgh 29 01; Johnstown 17. *Pittsburgh*—East Liberty 15; Pittsburgh, Central 40; Pittsburgh, Grace Memorial 1 85; Pittsburgh, Shady Side 7 50. *Redstone*—Jefferson 1 20. *Washington*—Mt Olive 3; Hookstown 3 36; Mill Creek 3.

TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Bellefontaine 1st 3 01; Bucyrus 3 85; Spring Hills 83 cts; West Liberty 95 cts. *Huron*—Fremont 5; Norwalk 16 40. *Maumee*—Ridgeville 1; Toledo 1st German 2.

WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Buffalo*—Westfield 5. *Rochester*—Lima 1 48; Ogden 4 57; Union Corners 1 25.

WISCONSIN.—*Milwaukee*—Janesville 11 74. *Winnebago*—Horicon 2 50; Juneau 2 50.

MISCELLANEOUS.—"C." Ohio 6 47; on account of sale of Sauk Centre ch, Minn, less expense 510 75; New York Underwriters Agency for loss on Moorhead ch, Minn 700; interest from Permanent Fund 394 72.

Total receipts in November, \$9,173 33

JONATHAN OGDEN, Treasurer,
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BOARD OF RELIEF FOR DISABLED MINISTERS,
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"WITHHOLD NOT GOOD FROM HIM TO WHOM IT IS DUE, WHEN IN THE POWER OF THINE HAND
TO DO IT."

A GRATEFUL LETTER FROM A DISABLED MINISTER.

"*Dear Brother*—The check you sent to us for \$—— came, and we received it on Thanksgiving Day; and as a cup of cold water comes to the thirsty soul so came that check, through you, from the Board of Relief. If those who have contributed that money only knew how it cheered our hearts, and what a burden it rolled from our minds, in enabling us to meet obligations for the necessaries of life for the family, they would feel thankful for such an opportunity to serve God. So, as we sat down to our plain, very plain Thanksgiving dinner, we were so blessed by the gift just received that we could not express our thankfulness. Language was too weak, and we could only say, 'Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name!' Please tender our sincere thanks to the Board and contributors as far as you can; and as you have administered to our temporal necessity, may the Lord administer abundantly to your spiritual need. The Lord can repay, we cannot. 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.' My health has improved some, and I am more hopeful, by the blessing of God, of being able to enter again upon the service of the Lord; for this is the only service that I can, with the whole heart, engage in. The circumstances have been most trying and critical; but have been blessed and sanctified to the soul by the blessing, presence, and leading of the Holy Spirit. 'Yes, it has been good for me that I have been afflicted.' The Lord has been with me, has provided for me. 'His word is faithful and true.' We have learned by experience that it is good to carry everything to God in prayer. 'Whatsoever things ye desire, when ye pray believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.' 'My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.' The Lord means just what he says, and we took him at his word, and the soul is blessed, not through any thing that I am, or have done; but through the Lord Jesus Christ. God for us, God with us. 'Rejoice, rejoice always.' So we will, in the Lord, not in ourselves. Forget self and hide in Christ himself, for time and eternity.

YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST."

A deficiency of about FOURTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS creates a *delay* in making appropriations that is *extremely painful*. If the income of the Board were doubled it would not even then ensure a full support to the three hundred and eighty families who depend on this Board. The letters sent by the applicants and their friends reveal some pitiable cases of destitution, but the saddest thing with the Board is that it is not possible to meet all these loud calls at once because the funds are not supplied. The amount distributed since April 1st is considerably larger than it was at this date a year ago. With *fifty-one new cases* since April, it is not surprising that we are under a continual pressure. Here is an opportunity for a paying investment, "He that hath pity on the poor lendeth unto the Lord, and that which he hath given will He pay him again."

RECEIPTS FOR MINISTERIAL RELIEF IN NOVEMBER 1877.

ALBANY.— <i>Albany</i> —Amsterdam 1st 10; Co-rinth 1 03; Jefferson 3; Rockwell Falls 2 07; Saratoga Springs 2d 6 03. <i>Troy</i> —Sandy Hill 5 30; Troy, Westminster 3 30 43	LONG ISLAND.— <i>Brooklyn</i> —Brooklyn, Throop Avenue 50; Edgewater 1st 36 80 86 80
BALTIMORE.— <i>Baltimore</i> —Bell Air 5; Falls-ton 2; Louaconing 4. <i>New Castle</i> —Dover 10; New Castle 88 50. <i>Washington City</i> —Washing-ton 6th, from M S 25 134 50	MICHIGAN.— <i>Detroit</i> —Detroit 1st 96 37
CENTRAL NEW YORK.— <i>Binghamton</i> —Masonville 3. <i>St Lawrence</i> —Oswegatchie 2d 6 35. <i>Syracuse</i> —Baldwinsville 10; Syracuse 1st 18 11; Syracuse 1st Ward 14 cts. <i>Utica</i> —Utica, Westminster 30; Westernville 8 50 76 10	MINNESOTA.— <i>St Paul</i> —Minneapolis 1st 11 00
CINCINNATI.— <i>Cincinnati</i> —Cheviot 1st Ger 2; Cincinnati, Lane Seminary 91 12; Cincinnati 1st German 8; Montgomery 10 50. <i>Day-ton</i> —New Jersey 10 121 62	MISSOURI.— <i>Osage</i> —Butler 1st 10. <i>Platte</i> —King City 1; Willow Brook 1 12 00
CLEVELAND.— <i>Cleveland</i> —Cleveland 1st 57 98; Cleveland 2d 100; Cleveland, Euclid St 20 25; Collamar, Union 21 40. <i>St Clairsville</i> —Scotch Ridge 68 cts; York 3. <i>Steubenville</i> —Amsterdam 3; Bacon Ridge 3; Centre Unity 4; East Springfield 3; Harlem 17; Irondale 7 75; Yellow Creek 25 266 06	NEBRASKA.— <i>Omaha</i> —Daily Branch 2 00
COLUMBUS.— <i>Columbus</i> —Dublin 5; Worth-ington 4. <i>Marion</i> —West Berlin 4 10; Dela-ware 10; Iberia 5. <i>Wooster</i> —Loudonville 4. <i>Zanesville</i> —Linton 4; Mt Vernon 33; New Lexington 2 67; Roseville 6 30; Unity 3 27; Utica 5; Zanesville 2d 21 107 24	NEW JERSEY.— <i>Elizabeth</i> —Elizabeth, West-minster 50; Metuchen 1st 17 58; New Providence 5; Rosellé 1st 3 43. <i>Jersey City</i> —Tena-fly 2 23. <i>Monmouth</i> —Burlington 23 24; Free-hold 1st 35; Manchester 10. <i>Morris and Orange</i> —Mine Hill 2; Orange 1st 56. <i>Parsippany</i> 13. <i>Newark</i> —Newark 1st 35 50; Newark Central 57; Newark Park 2 97. <i>New Brunswick</i> —Amwell 1st 6; Frenchtown 10; Lambertville 35; Stockton 4; Trenton 4th 71 25. <i>Newton</i> —Yellow Frame 1 83. <i>West Jersey</i> —Black-woodtown 35 476 03
ERIE.— <i>Allegheny</i> —Allegheny 2d 11; Bak-erstown 10; Concord 2 25; Plains 3 77. <i>Erie</i> —Fairfield 15; Gravel Run 6. <i>Kittanning</i> —Glade Run 30; Rural Valley 7. <i>Shenango</i> —New Brighton, add'l 1; Pulaski 3 92; West Middlesex 9 21 99 15	NEW YORK.— <i>Boston</i> —Bedford 8 90; East Boston 23 10; Newburyport 1st 33 50. <i>Hud-son</i> —Middletown 2d 2 68. <i>New York</i> —New York 1st, from Mrs M L S 200; New York 4th 50 77. <i>Westchester</i> —Peekskill 1st 44 87; Port Chester 5; Stamford 1st 25 393 82
GENEVA.— <i>Chemung</i> —Elmira 1st 6 75; Mead's Creek 2; Watkins 12. <i>Geneva</i> —Ithaca 34; Seneca 37 65. <i>Lyons</i> —Palmyra 19 40. <i>Steuben</i> —Addison 13 124 80	PACIFIC.— <i>San Francisco</i> —Brooklyn 1st 4 65; San Francisco, Woodbridge 5 9 65
HARRISBURGH.— <i>Carlisle</i> —Chambersburgh, Falling Spring 130. <i>Huntingdon</i> —Altoona 2d 51 50; Logan's Valley 12; Milroy 21 66; Mt Union 5; Newton Hamilton 5. <i>Northumber-land</i> —Bloomsburg 1st 51 87; New Columbia 2; Williamsport 2d 4 67. <i>Wellsboro</i> —Mans-field 3 286 70	PHILADELPHIA.— <i>Chester</i> —Upper Octorara 3 25. <i>Lackawanna</i> —Langcliff 3; Towanda 1st 100. <i>Philadelphia</i> —Philadelphia 1st 237 57; Philadelphia Calvary 412 70; Philadelphia, Chambers 40; Philadelphia, South Western 12 58. <i>Philadelphia Central</i> —Philadelphia, Green Hill 67 50; Philadelphia, Oxford 54; Philadelphia, West Arch St 49 29. <i>Philadel-phia North</i> —Bristol 62; Chestnut Hill 126. <i>Westminster</i> —Little Britain 7 08; Slateville 11 1175 97
ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.— <i>Bloomington</i> —Cham-paign 1st 21 61; Danville 76 60; Prairie View 5; Rossville 15. <i>Peoria</i> —Brunswick 3 40; Princeville 13 76; Salem 2 60; Washington 7. <i>Schuyler</i> —Clayton 1st 2; Rushville 1st 6 35. <i>Springfield</i> —Farmington 3; Jacksonville, Pis-gah 15 171 32	PITTSBURGH.— <i>Blairsville</i> —Armagh 3 25; Blairsville 25 09; Greensburg 20 37; Irwin 5 09; New Alexandria, add'l 22 31. <i>Pittsburgh</i> —Birmingham 1st, add'l 2; Bridgeville 23; East Liberty 14; Oakdale 5 62; Pittsburgh, Shady Side 7 50; Sharon 7 72; West Eliza-beth 10. <i>West Virginia</i> —Lumberport 1; Sut-ton 1 147 95
ILLINOIS, NORTH.— <i>Chicago</i> —Chicago, Ful-leton Ave 30 88; Peotone 20. <i>Ottawa</i> —Wal-tham 19 50 Waterman 2. <i>Rock River</i> —Gard-en Plains 6; Geneseo 2; Hamlet 10 90 38	TOLEDO.— <i>Bellefontaine</i> —Bellefontaine 2 19; Buck Creek 13; Bucyrus 3 80; Crestline 8; Rushsylvania 2 35; Spring Hills 61 cents; West Liberty 69 cents. <i>Huron</i> —Fremont 5; Milan 13; Norwalk 1st 17 21 63 85
ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—Per Rev John Hood 45 75. <i>Alton</i> —Edwardsville 6; Virden 1 41. <i>Mattoon</i> —Arcola 6 09; Mattoon 4 55; Pana 56 cents 64 36	WESTERN NEW YORK.— <i>Buffalo</i> —Westfield 1st 25. <i>Genesee</i> —North Bergen 4. <i>Niagara</i> —Niagara Falls 1st 46 84. <i>Rochester</i> —Lima 1 08; Ogden 3 34; Union Corners 1; Webster 16 35 97 61
INDIANA, NORTH.— <i>Crawfordsville</i> —Dayton 11 60 <i>Fort Wayne</i> —Ossian 3 60. <i>Muncie</i> —Muncie 6; Wabash 1 69 22 89	From the Churches, \$4,347 34.
INDIANA, SOUTH.— <i>Indianapolis</i> —Bethany 4; Hopewell 9 58; Indianapolis 2d 25. <i>New Albany</i> —Madison 1st 14 60. <i>White Water</i> —Connorsville German 2 55 18	MISCELLANEOUS.—Mrs Harriet Teachout 5; D T, Deadwood, William Selbie 10; Anony-mous 5; New Mexico, Tierra Amerilla, S A Russell, Esq 5; Per <i>Presbyterian</i> , a friend in New York 3; New York city, from Mrs Sarah Bartholomew 100; Int on Permanent Fund, Wm E Tenbrook, Esq 832; Mo, Iron-ton, Rev J Donaldson 1; "C, Ohio" 4 72; Wis, Stone Bank, Mrs Wm Drummond 25 cents; Holmesburgh, Mrs M Pattison 1; Holmes-burgh, J F Pattison 1; Holmesburgh, E F Pattison 1; Pa, Oil City, from J C B 25; Ky, Lexington, from W 20; Philadelphia, from Miss E C Buckhart 5; From a friend 4; From a missionary lady in Syria, sp 10 1032 97
IOWA, NORTH.— <i>Cedar Rapids</i> —Clarence 3; Vinton 1st 19 85. <i>Dubuque</i> —Dubuque 1st 24 50. <i>Fort Dodge</i> —Rev G W Lloyd 5 52 35	Total in November, \$5,380 31
IOWA, SOUTH.— <i>Iowa City</i> —Tipton, add'l 50 cents; West Liberty 3 3 50	CHARLES BROWN, Treasurer.
KANSAS.— <i>Neosho</i> —Cherokee 1; Monmouth 1; Pleasant View 1. <i>Solomon</i> —Hayes City ch 4 25. <i>Topeka</i> —Leavenworth 1st 30 10; Leav-enworth Sab-sch 10 47 36	Office, 1334 Chestnut St., Phila.
KENTUCKY.— <i>Ebenezer</i> —Augusta 11 50; Ludlow 1 25. <i>Transylvania</i> —Paint Lick 7 50 20 25	

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

FINANCIAL.—Our cash receipts for November fall short of the same in November of last year, by over \$600—still adding to the deficits of the preceding months of the current ecclesiastical year—and we again earnestly ask that churches and individuals that have not contributed during the present year, will yet come to the help of this good work of our Church among the lowly, before the 31st of March, 1878.

FROM NORTH CAROLINA.

“The good Master is still continuing to bless his work in my hands; another soul has been converted and added to our number at F——, for which we are glad and thankful; I know you will be glad to hear of souls being saved. Preached fifteen times this month, and held eight prayer meetings. I am teaching school at F—— day and night, with thirty scholars—prayer meetings are kept up in all my churches; I had the communion at all the churches, but one, and would have had it there, but there is much sickness in that one, therefore we put it off until they get better. The money received this month, \$3 from churches, from the school, \$4.”

FROM TENNESSEE.

“I have had a revival at N—— M——; quite a number of conversions. I am glad to inform you that we are now having our church at this place refitted and enlarged; the work is now going on: expect to have it completed in from four to five weeks; when completed, it will cost from \$350 to \$380. I have already raised part of the money. I am also making preparations to build over at S—— P——.

FROM SOUTH CAROLINA.

Of late we have had some very interesting meetings. Mt. P—— has been favored with a visitation from on high, and an accession of five to our number, and this without any extra-exciting meetings.

“WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST.”

A Presbyterian minister in South Carolina writes as follows:

“During the last ten years I have devoted my time chiefly to organizing a school system and to securing permanent homes for the colored people. I have been so far successful that in the county there are now one hundred and thirty schools and over a thousand families who have homes and farms varying from one-half acre to three hundred acres. Most of these homes are held in fee and paid for. Nearly every one of these families has a horse or a mule to work with, and they are now investing their savings in cows. So much for their material and intellectual progress.

“It is now high time to build our spiritual edifice. One's whole attention must now be given to preaching and teaching. Here are over thirty thousand colored people, covering an area of over 2400 square miles, and not a Presbyterian church established * * *. The question

in my mind is, Shall the Presbyterian Church take hold of it? * * * In the course of a year or two the churches established will be self-sustaining as all church members in this country try to pay at least one dollar per year." But however promising the field, how can we enter and reap unless the church will enable us to pay the hire of laborers?

RECEIPTS FOR FREEDMEN IN NOVEMBER 1877.

ALBANY.—*Albany*—Saratoga Springs 2d, S. l. sch 1 25; Saratoga Springs 2 1/2 91.

BALTIMORE.—*Baltimore*—Lonaconing 6.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Syracuse*—Syracuse 1st 35 38; Syracuse, 1st Ward 9 cents.

CLEVELAND.—*Cleveland*—Elyria 1st 6; Cleveland 2d 100; Cleveland, Euclid Ave 14; Cleveland 1st 40 08. *St Clairsville*—Scotie Ridge 46 cents; Freeport 1 20. *Stuebenville*—Yellow Creek 24; Centre Unity 2.

COLUMBUS.—*Athens*—Pomeroy 10. *Marion*—Milford Centre 6 50. *Zanesville*—Pataskala 5; Zanesville 2d 13.

ERIE.—*Erie*—Cambridgeboro 10. *Kittanning*—Leechburg 14. *Shenango*—Hermon 11 40.

GENEVA.—*Cayuga*—Port Byron 7. *Chemung*—Elmira 1st 4 67. *Geneva*—Geneva 1st 16 32.

HARRISBURGH.—*Northumberland*—Williamsport 2d 8 20.

ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—*Bloomington*—Rossville 2. *Peoria*—Dunlap, Prospect 12 50.

ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—*Alton*—Virden 97 cts *Mattoon*—Pana 39 cents.

INDIANA, NORTH.—*Fort Wayne*—Ossian 1 51. *Muncie*—Wabash 1 17

INDIANA, SOUTH.—*Indianapolis*—Indianapolis 2d 50.

IOWA, SOUTH.—*Iowa*—Middletown 5.

LONG ISLAND.—*Long Island*—Franklinville 8 52.

MICHIGAN.—*Detroit*—Ypsilanti 23 33; Detroit 1st 47 47.

MINNESOTA.—*St Paul*—Westminster Sabch 4 34, Class No 24, 20—24 34.

MISSOURI.—*Platte*—Union 2.

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Roselle 1 21; Roselle Sab. sch 1 16. *Newark*—Newark Park 2 05. *New Brunswick*—Stockton 2. *Newton*—Yellow Frame 1 27. *Jersey City*—Tenafly 1 54.

NEW YORK.—*North River*—Amenia South 8 78. *Westchester*—Port Chester 3; Stamford 1st 25.

PACIFIC.—*Oregon*—Portland 40 40.

PHILADELPHIA.—*Lackawanna*—Wilkesbarre, Memorial 12 92; Seranton 1st 63; Wyoming, intended for last year, 5. *Philadelphia Central*—North Broad St 35. *Philadelphia North*—Deep Run and Doy. estown 19. *Westminster*—Mt Joy 12.

PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—Latrobe 20; Mr James Douglas 5; Johnstown 17. *Pittsburgh*—North Branch 2; Mt Washington 10; Shady Side 7 50; East Liberty 59 18. *Redstone*—Scottdale 3 75; Dunlap s Creek 9 60; McClellandtown 4 40; Rehoboth 8 10.

TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Spring Hills 42 cts; West Liberty 47 cts; Bellefontaine 1 51; Bucyrus 1 93. *Huron*—Fremont 5.

WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Genesee*—North Bergen 6. *Rochester*—Lima 75 cts; Ogden 2 31.

WISCONSIN.—*Chippewa*—La Crosse 1st 3 90.

MISCELLANEOUS.—S W Brewster, Hannibal, N Y 10; "A Friend," Portland, N Y 2; "C." Ohio 3 28; Rev G W Lloyd 2. By Rev S Mattoon, D D, for Biddle University, from Miss Kingston, N Y 100; South 3d St Presby-

terian ch, Brooklyn, ED 21 19; West Hampton Presbyterian ch 20; Mrs Mary Noble 10; Miss Nellie Whiting 10; Mrs A C Brown 110.

Total, \$1,229 28

Money received and expended on the field during the quarter ending September 30th, 1877.

Pby of Atlantic—Congruity ch 7 95; Good-Will ch 32 09; Bethel ch 17 33; Hebron ch 21 12; Zion ch 20 27; Malina ch 5 68; Macedonia ch 35; Mt Sinai ch 27; Summerville ch 19 09; Wallingford ch 42 25 227 78

Pby of Catawba—Bensalem ch 33 78; Bethel ch 32 29; A H Porter, Niagara Falls, New York 20; Bethpage ch 3 45; Caldwell ch 6 76; Charlotte ch 56 10; Concord ch 43 40; Elizabeth ch 302 10; Huntersville ch 6; Love's Chapel 1 45; Miranda ch 4 78; Murkland ch 33 85; Mt Olives ch 10 80; Monroe 21 95; New Hope ch 9 44; Pleasant View ch 24 10; Philadelphia ch 48 cts; Poplar Tent ch 2 60; St Paul ch 17; Woodland ch 4 34; Walker's Chapel 1 35; Hopewell ch 2 50; Mt Zion 11; Macedonia 12 25; Good Hope ch 4 95; Emmanuel 10 674 67

Pby of Fairfield—Calvary ch 4 70; Lebanon ch 12 60; Nazareth ch 7 50 24 80

Pby of Kingston—Maryville 2d Pres ch 62 50

Pby of Knox—Antioch ch 7; Midway, Macedonia ch 32; New Hope ch 10; Oglethorpe ch 8 75; Pleasant Grove ch 4 50; Marietta ch 4 70 66 95

Pby of Louisville—Louisville ch 46 00

Pby of Union—Calvary ch 15 15; Rogersville ch 1 50; St Luke ch 15 50; Tabernacle ch 18 50 50 65

Pby of Yadkin—Anderson Creek ch 4 25; Boonville ch 29; Cameron ch 21 21; Carthage ch 2 75; Catawba River ch 11 48; Cool Springs ch 50 cts; Fayetteville ch 79; Friendship ch 2 87; Freedom ch 5 50; Freedom ch 17 37; Gold Hill ch 12 92; Hillsboro ch 3 10. Lexington ch 8 12; Logan ch 9 40; Lumberton ch 2 65; Love Grove ch 70 cts; Mebanesville ch 22 40; Memorial ch 1 13; Mocksville ch 18 65; Mt Airy ch 7; Mt Vernon ch 41 40; Mt Zion ch 1 15; Mt Tabor ch 8 18; Mt Olives ch 2; New Centre ch 7 55; Oakland ch 46 48; Panthersford ch 19 40; Pittsburgh ch 12 21; Red Springs ch 1; Salisbury ch 21 61; Statesville ch 25 90; Wilmington ch 91; Wilson ch 14 37; Winston ch 4 557 25

Pby of Washington City—Albright ch 5 10; Big Oak ch 3 49; Mt Zion ch 22 cts; Russell Grove ch 7 85 16 66

No Presbyterian Connection—Salem, Tenn ch 35 87; Mt Tabor ch 33 15 69 02

Total, \$1,796 28

Total Receipts in November, 1877, \$3,025 56

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ECCLESIASTICAL RECORD.

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS.

Rev. S. J. Milliken was installed pastor of the Ann Carmichael Memorial church, on Erie Avenue and North Fifth street, Philadelphia.

Rev. David Boyle Duncan was ordained and installed pastor of the church at New Richmond, Ohio, by the Presbytery of Cincinnati.

Rev. George Hageman was ordained to the full work of the ministry by the Presbytery of Highland, at Atchison, on the 5th of December.

Rev. E. B. Miner was installed pastor of the North Henderson Presbyterian church, on the 10th of October, by the Presbytery of Rock River.

CALLS.

Rev. A. S. Walker has accepted a call to the Congregational church of Spencer, Mass.

Rev. S. Blake to the Woodland Avenue Presbyterian church, Cleveland, Ohio.

Rev. A. C. Junkin has received a call from the church of Connersville, Ind.

Rev. H. D. Northrop has received a call from the First Presbyterian church, Providence, R. I.

Rev. George Benaugh has accepted a call from the Fourth Presbyterian church, Philadelphia.

Mr. A. K. Bates has accepted a call to the Third Presbyterian church of Springfield, Ill.

Rev. Theodore Crowl has received a call to the church in Bedford, Pa.

Rev. H. R. Waite has received and accepted a call to the Huguenot Memorial church at Pelham Manor, N. Y.

Rev. Marcus Wishart has accepted a call to the First Presbyterian church of Waterford, Pa.

Rev. James H. Stewart has accepted a call to the church of Greencastle, Huntingdon Presbytery.

Rev. S. B. Bell, D. D., has accepted a call to the First Presbyterian church in Kansas City, Mo.

Rev. C. S. Stowitz has accepted a call to the First Presbyterian church of Westfield, N. Y.

Rev. L. Faye Walker has received a call to the College Hill church, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Rev. N. F. Nickerson has accepted a call to the First Presbyterian church of Hughsonville on the Hudson.

Rev. W. K. Ingersoll has accepted a call to the church at Milford, Mich.

Rev. B. M. Kerr has accepted a call to the Presbyterian church at Corry, Erie Co., Pa.

Rev. C. B. Stevens has accepted a call to the Presbyterian Society at Fargo, Dakota Ty.

POST-OFFICE ADDRESSES CHANGED.

Rev. S. T. Boyd from Polk, Ohio, to Fall City, Neb.

Rev. J. Morris Wilson, M. D., from Weathersly to Little Meadows, Pa.

Rev. Timothy H. Quigley from Rochester to Batavia, N. Y.

Rev. George H. Hammer from Upper Le-

high, Pa., to East Des Moines, Polk county, Iowa

Rev. F. P. Dalrymple from Muscatine, Iowa to Columbus, Wisconsin.

Rev. J. C. Boyd from Valatie to Kingsboro, Fulton county, N. Y.

Rev. George J. E. Richards from Richland Centre, Wis., to South Toledo, Ohio.

Rev. George Hageman from Williamsburg, Ohio, to Washington, Kan.

Rev. P. D. Cowan from Jonesboro, Tenn., to Knoxville, Tenn.

The post office address of Rev. Nelson K. Crowe is Radnor, Delaware county, Ohio.

Rev. Eugene A. Walker from Wilton Junction to Deep Run, Iowa.

Rev. W. K. Ingersoll from Wyandotte, Mich., to Milford, Mich.

Rev. A. Porter from West Liberty, Iowa, to Iowa City, Iowa.

Rev. P. A. McMartin from Tekonsha, Mich., to Plainwell, Mich.

Rev. H. A. Tucker from Decatur, Texas, to Fairview, Erie Co., Pa.

Rev. A. L. Knox from Cerro Gordo, Ill., to Hoopston, Ill.

Rev. J. R. Gilland from Canton, Miss, to Kingstree, S. C.

Rev. J. E. Moffat from Altoona, Ill., to Allegheny, Pa.

Rev. D. H. Emerson from 1315 South 5th street, to 216 Lombard street, Philadelphia.

Rev. S. F. Davis from Aledo, Ill., to Milan, Ill.

Rev. G. M. Janes from Colchester, N. Y., to Downsview, Delaware Co., N. Y.

Rev. Donald Fletcher from Chicago to Evanston, Ill.

Rev. H. H. Wikoff from Trenton, N. J., to Juneau, Wis.

Rev. J. C. Thornton from Knob Noster, Mo., to Warrensburg, Mo.

Rev. John W. Lane from Rushford, N. Y., to Plover, Portage Co., Wis.

Rev. D. W. Fisher from Wheeling, W. Va., to Madison, Ind.

Rev. F. P. Clark from Cassville, Mich., to Vassar, Mich.

Rev. B. M. Kerr from Mercer, Pa., to Corry, Erie Co., Pa.

Rev. M. F. Folsom from La Cygne, Kan., to Dillon, Dickinson Co., Kan.

Rev. C. B. Stevens from Manitowac, Wis., to Fargo, Dakota Ty.

Rev. S. S. Murkland from Statesville, N. C., to Farmville, Va.

Rev. J. H. Stevenson from Dawson to Scottsdale, Westmoreland Co., Pa.

Rev. Lewis E. Jones from Grandville to Greenvile, Ohio.

Rev. S. M. Crissman from Depere, Wis., to Williamsburg, Ohio.

Rev. Valentine A. Lewis from Port Byron to Phelps, Ontario Co., N. Y.

Rev. S. D. Smith from Hanover, Ohio, to Anita, Iowa.

Rev. W. D. Wallace from West Carlisle to Warsaw, Cochocton Co., Ohio.

Rev. T. V. Milligan from Steubenville to East Liverpool, Ohio.

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